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HITLER'S HIGH-PRESSURE POLITICAL OFFENSIVE

Laval Talks Over: Now Conferring With Franco

EVENTS APPEAR TO BE SHAPING THEMSELVES FOR DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE. HITLER, PAUSING BEFORE RUSSIA'S SCARCELY DISGUISED HOSTILITY TO HIS SCHEME IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE, HAS TURNED AGAIN TO THE WEST AND A HIGH-PRESSURE POLITICAL OFFENSIVE, INVOLVING FRANCE AND SPAIN, HAS BEGUN.

As soon as Hitler completed his talks with M. Laval, who has probably, by this time, returned to Paris, he proceeded to the Spanish frontier, accompanied by Von Ribbentrop, there to meet General Franco and Senor Suner.

TOO EARLY TO ASSUME VICHY'S SUBMISSION

By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent

The most surprising thing about the Hitler-Laval meeting is that it should have occurred at all.

That four months after France's downfall, Germany should come to realise that there is something still to be made out of the despondent and defeated remnants of a great empire is a confession not of the latent strength of France, but of the desperate need of Germany.

It seems unlikely that Germany would press France for a declaration of war as she would be expected to lose more than they would again. The would certainly find the French army a most unreliable comrade in arms. He would not be a willing partner against his former friends.

Humiliating Conditions

What is more likely is that certain fresh concessions were discussed at the meeting, in exchange for improvement of communications and supplies and less rigid supervision.

The most likely concession would be the surrender of the remainder of the French Navy and possibly French aeroplanes.

It is too early to assume, however, that the Vichy Government would submit to such humiliating conditions.—Reuter.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," Hitler's campaign means that, for Germany's success "events must take place before the American presidential election that will definitely exclude and render America's participation in the war impossible."

News of Hitler's meeting with General Franco was conveyed by the German wireless, which announced that Hitler and Franco, accompanied by Ribbentrop and Suner, had arrived at the Franco-Spanish frontier and "may be conferring there."

Nothing more definite on the final aim of Hitler is forthcoming, but speculation is inevitably centred on what pressures Germany is prepared to exert against Franco to persuade him to enter the war on the side of the Axis and invest Gibraltar or permit German troops to pass through Spain to attack Gibraltar.

French Terms

The position in France is no clearer.

Swiss papers state that the Axis Powers recently laid the following proposals before the Vichy Government.

Firstly, France to hand over Alsace-Lorraine to Germany and Nice to Italy.

Secondly, Tunisia to be divided between France and Italy; Algeria to remain French.

Thirdly, France to hand part of northern Morocco to Spain.

Fourthly, the remaining French colonies to be jointly administered and exploited by France, Germany and Italy.

Fifthly, France to hand Indo-China to Japan.

Sixthly, France to place her Mediterranean Fleet and air force stationed in North Africa at the disposal of the Axis for

CRYPTIC COMMONS ANSWER

"We shall know how to deal with any further attacks by the forces of the Vichy Government."

Thus declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday when asked whether consideration would be given to reprisals against French forces supporting the Vichy Government who had been "carrying on" a systematic bombardment of Gibraltar recently.

Asked whether he would admit that there had been bombardment of Gibraltar by the French Forces, Mr. Butler said: "No. It would not pay to add anything to what I have said, or to infer anything from it. There was a certain incident and I have given a certain answer." —Reuter.

C. IN C. NORWAY ARRESTED

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE NORWEGIAN ARMY HAS BEEN FLOWN TO BERLIN BY THE NAZIS. IT IS REPORTED.

It is said that he was taken to Berlin after he refused to sign a declaration of loyalty to the Germans. — Reuter.

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RUMANIA

ARRESTS POLISH EMBASSY STAFF

All members of the Polish Embassy in Rumania, with the exception of the Ambassador, have been arrested, the German radio asserts.—Reuter.

ISOLATED AIR RAIDS YESTERDAY

Enemy air activity over Britain yesterday was confined to a few isolated attacks by single aircraft, states an Air Ministry communique issued last night.

Bombs were dropped by these aircraft on towns in the South-East coast and two places in the London area.

Slight damage only was caused and there were no casualties, except at one place in London where the number was very small.—Reuter.

Houses Damaged

It is now known that bombs were also dropped at some other places in the London area, states a later Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique, giving further details of raids during daylight yesterday.

A town in the east Midlands and a town in Kent also suffered from the bombing.

In each of these areas, some houses were damaged and casualties were caused.

The latter are not numerous but a small number of persons was killed.—Reuter.

HIMMLER LEAVES MADRID

Herr Himmler, Nazi Gestapo chief, left Madrid by air yesterday morning for Barcelona.—Reuter.

THE NAZIS IN LUXEMBURG

The Nazi Gauleiter of Luxembourg has dissolved that little state's Parliament.—Reuter.

INVASION DANGER NOT PAST

But Damage Done On Long Coastline Is Enormous

Tremendous Havoc By Royal Air Force

THE INVASION DANGER IS NOT CONSIDERED PAST IN LONDON AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS ALTHOUGH THE DAMAGE DONE TO ENEMY PREPARATIONS ALONG 2,000 MILES OF INVASION COAST FROM NARVIK TO BORDEAUX IN THE LAST SIX WEEKS HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS.

Along the Dutch, Belgian and French coasts, docks, barracks, aerodromes, power stations, railways and naval arsenals have been wrecked by the Royal Air Force.

It was revealed last night that at Dunkirk, the quays between two of the main docks and several buildings have been levelled to the ground.

At Brest, the attacks on arsenals and aerodromes have been equally successful. At Calais, buildings at the south-east end of the dry-dock have been destroyed by fire, the east side of the dock damaged, and the lock between the inner basin and the navigation port have suffered considerably.

According to one report, the electricity works are nearly completely destroyed.

At Lorient, buildings on the jetty have been directly hit and damage done to the torpedo boat station. Many casualties were caused among the German troops stationed there when nearby barracks were hit.

Ships Sunk

Outside the harbour, mines laid by British planes have sunk several ships. There is every reason to believe that the courage and determination of the R.A.F. pilots attacking the invasion bases has done much to undermine the confidence of the enemy.

Enemy concentrations of men and material have been bombed incessantly since September 5 and from every source evidence has been forthcoming of heavy damage inflicted on the foe.—Reuter.

OPPOSE POLICE 'SPIES'

Use of apparently unchecked "information" by local police to justify the detention of suspected persons is causing concern among M.P.s.

It is feared that the tacit encouragement of informers may bring back the furtive atmosphere created by Sir John Anderson's "alarm and despondency order."

The case of a man named Walpole, of Dartford Road, Bexleyheath, Kent, detained under Regulation 18B, has been raised in the House by Mrs. Adamson.

She asked the Home Secretary whether he was "satisfied that the information which led to the detention of Mr. Walpole came from a reliable source, and will the informant be required to establish that information at the hearing of the case?" Sir John Anderson replied that the case will be dealt with by the Advisory Committee.

No Contact

It is a case typical of many. The suspected person is taken away by the police and generally his relatives lose all touch with him for some time.

In the case of Walpole, seven letters from his solicitor failed to bring even an acknowledgment from the Home Office.

A suspected person has recourse to the Home Secretary's advisory committee, which meets in private.

Whether the committee requires the police to produce the source

THEATRE MAN WHO LOST JOB

Moss Empires, Ltd., were summoned at Bow Street by Alfred Fried, formerly musical director of the Finsbury Park Empire, for alleged breaches of the National Services Armed Forces Act (Prevention of Evasion Regulations), 1939.

Mr. Noel Lindsay, for Mr. Fried, said that the regulations prohibited the discharge of any man liable to be conscripted or of any man to evade his reinstatement after the war.

Mr. Fried, who was 30, was employed by Moss Empires in November, 1939, at seven guineas a week, first at one theatre and later at Finsbury Park.

He registered with his age group and underwent medical examination.

He was passed Grade 3, but inadvertently, told his employers that he was passed Grade 2. Soon after this he was given a written fortnight's notice, which stated: "This is no reflection on your work, but is made necessary by the reorganisation of our musical directors, who are older employees than yourself."

Show Changes

Mr. Valentine Charles Russell, general manager of Moss Empires, Ltd., and the General Theatre Corporation described changes in the musical directorships due to the putting on of musical shows at the Holborn Empire. Mr. Fried was one of two junior conductors on the circuit, and was given notice because of the reorganisation.

"I can assure the Court," said Mr. Russell, "that I had no idea he was called up or had a medical examination or anything of the sort."

"The company had to find a home for a conductor who had been with them for 12 years," added Mr. Russell. "It has always been our rule that the last to come should be the first to go."

The Magistrate (Mr. T. W. Fry) dismissed the summons.

He accepted Mr. Russell's assurances as to the reason for the dismissal. "I think it would not be fair for me to say that a big company like this would discharge a man because of his liability for military service," said Mr. Fry.

Mr. Lightman (for Moss Empires, Ltd.) did not ask for costs.

of their information is not known, but there is some reason to believe that the committee generally takes the police evidence, on its face value.

The prisoner may not be represented, though he may be questioned by the committee.

In some cases of British subjects detained under Regulation 18B, it is alleged that the prisoners have not been informed of their right to appeal to the Advisory Committee.

D.E.I. OIL PARLEY

Both Britain and the United States have been kept fully informed of the negotiations going on in Batavia, Mr. Harold Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said in reply to questions in the House of Commons yesterday about oil supplies to Japan from the Netherlands East Indies.

No decision has yet been reached, he said, and the Government would continue to be kept informed of the progress of the discussions.

Any arrangements for the future rest entirely with the N.E.I. Government.

Asked whether strong representations will be made concerning the negotiations, Mr. Butler said that there is complete co-operation between the Governments concerned.—Reuter.

PRINCE VON STARHEMBERG IN AIR FORCE

Prince Von Starhemberg, former Austrian Vice-Chancellor, is now a lieutenant in the Free French Air Force, with pay and allowances of £14s. 11d. per day.

This was revealed by Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, when questioned on the subject in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

GERMAN SCHELDT DISASTER

More rumours are circulating about the failure of German attempts to land in Britain, says the Zurich newspaper "Volksrecht."

According to one report, barges for transporting troops were assembled at the mouths of the Scheldt and Rhine in September. Some of the troops destined for the invasion are said to have shown "little desire to allow themselves to be embarked for these rides to heaven."

British bombers—so the rumour goes—dropped thousands of incendiary bombs, containing special inflammatory mixture, on the barges.

On reaching the water, the bombs are said to have made the rivers round the barges, a sea of flame.

Many German soldiers, it is declared, suffered terrible burns and are now in hospitals in occupied territory.

The "Volksrecht's" correspondent says that the Dutch public firmly believes this story and refer to "eye-witness evidence" in connection with it.—Reuter.

TWO DIE IN LAKELAND TRAGEDY

Keswick police discovered the bodies of Patrick Stubbs (35), railway clerk, and Francis Stubbs (30), schoolteacher, both of Linden Grove, West Hartlepool, who were missed after they left to climb Great Gable.

They were discovered in Sour Milk Ghyll, about halfway down the mountain.

They had fallen about 100 feet, and had received fractures of the skull.

Doctor Missing

Dr. William Hamilton, of Roan Head, Edinburgh, has disappeared while mountaineering in the Cairngorms, near Aviemore, Scotland.

Dr. Hamilton, who was holidaying with his wife and family, left his hotel in the Aviemore in the morning.

Search parties have searched the district without success.

SCALE OF INVASION PREPARATIONS REVEALED

DETAILS OF HITLER'S preparations for the invasion of England were officially disclosed last night in London.

The Air Ministry News Service points out that only part of the story can as yet be told but this part shows that from the first day that the enemy concentrated his forces in every available port and harbour, the Royal Air Force carried out reconnaissances.

In the early days of September, the reports these aircraft brought back showed only small concentrations of men and material but as time passed it became more and more imposing and, before long, hundreds of barges and other war materials were assembled at Antwerp, Calais, Dunkirk and Ostend.

Many barges were observed from the air daily to be moving slowly from one canal to another. Small warships were also moved near the barges.

These barges were self-propelled, over 150 feet in length and each capable of carrying about two trainloads of men or material.

It was also known that Germany had commandeered every available barge over 500 tons and armies of workmen were employed in shipyards altering the bows of these vessels to enable tanks to be easily carried and disembarked.

Besides concentrations of barges there were also submarines in many harbours—some of ocean-going type—large motor-vessels, tugs, and merchant ships.

Forty-five merchant ships were reported at Le Havre on one occasion.

Inland aircraft shelters were being built on many aerodromes from where it was expected enemy aircraft would assist in the invasion.

Railways, too, were particularly busy especially between Germany and the Low Countries.

R.A.F. Offensive

It was on September 5, that the strong R.A.F. offensive against the enemy began. Each invasion base, in turn, came in for heavy bombardment. Naval docks,

shipbuilding yards at Kiel, Hamburg and Bremen were bombed as well and extensive damage also done to occupied ports along the Dutch-Belgium coasts.

The Air Ministry News Service emphasises that until lately it would have been extremely unwise to let the enemy know how much we knew of his preparations or of the effect on them of R.A.F. hammering.—Reuter.

BRITISH EXPORT TRADE KEPT HIGH

DESPITE INTENSIFICATION of enemy activity, exports of United Kingdom goods were fully maintained in September.

This was the most notable feature of the latest trade returns which were issued to-day in London.

The average value of exports per working day in September actually exceeded the corresponding figure for August. Total exports of United Kingdom goods in September amounted to £31,000,000 which substantially exceeded the total of £23,000,000 in September, 1939.

After a year of war, overseas trade figures testify to the success of the British Export Council's efforts to find and develop alternative markets in view of prevailing European conditions.

During the six months ended August 31 last, the United Kingdom's exports to countries outside the European and Mediterranean areas, have been above the year earlier. The aggregate increase for the period is 39 millions or about 20 per cent.—Reuter.

MILITARY TRAINING FOR COMMUNISTS

Moscow radio announce that members of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union will receive military training in special units being formed by local party organisations.—Reuter.

STALIN AT THE THEATRE

Stalin made his first appearance yesterday since last August when, with Mr. Molotov and other officials, he attended a theatre-festival performance.—Reuter.

H. G. Wells Arouses The Ire Of Lord Winterton

Dangerous Man On A Lecture Tour

"I think it is dangerous to allow a man of this type to go to America," declared Lord Winterton in the House of Commons yesterday when in a lengthy attack on Mr. H. G. Wells, he questioned the propriety of Mr. Wells being granted an exit permit in order to carry on a lecture tour in the United States.

Lord Winterton referred to Mr. Wells's reference to Lord Halifax as the "quintessence of everything an Englishman should not be" and Mr. Wells's description of Lord Gort as "our praying general."

He added "I happen to be an extensive reader of Addison, Steel, and Pope. I can imagine one of them saying of this attack, 'Sir, these are indecent words, nay, they are worse, they are blackguardly.'"

Mr. Wells, continued Lord Winterton, had for years been attacking our religion and constitution. Here Lord Winterton referred to an occasion when he (Lord Winterton) was present at a lunch in America at a meeting of an inter-governmental committee.

"There were present the Governor of New York State, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Eastern States, the Mayor of New York—himself a devout Catholic—representatives of the Episcopalian Church, the Methodist Church and the Jewish religion. I was struck with the fact that throughout very eloquent speeches there rang a strong feeling of unity of different faiths and yet we allow Mr. Wells to go to the United States as representative of Britain and British literature—a man who prides himself as being an opponent of all religions and who says there is no such thing."

Lord Winterton added: "There is another and more sinister explanation of Mr. Wells's conduct. France was not only betrayed by her Laval and other traitors of the Right or Communists of the Left."

Sixth Columnists

"There was another class of sixth columnists who for years past had tried to shape the fate of Frenchmen in all the spiritual and material institutions of France. These people, like Mr. Wells, professed hatred of Nazism and they abused and insulted their fellow countrymen. Like Mr. Wells, they believed in nothing and nobody."

Captain O. Peake, Under-Secretary at the Home Office, declared that the grant of an exit permit did not give any sort of official standing or status.—Reuter.

DEFENCE OF U.S.A.

"THE DEFENCE OF THE UNITED STATES INVOLVES THE ABILITY TO REPEL ATTACK AGAINST OR AN ATTEMPTED INVASION OF ANY PART OF THE NEW WORLD," DECLARED MR. SUMNER WELLES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, IN AN ADDRESS AT BALTIMORE YESTERDAY.

"Recent years," he went on, "have made it more clear than ever that the Panama Canal cannot be rendered secure nor our own territory regarded as safe from invasion by air unless the territory of our neighbours to the south is equally secure, and that cannot be achieved without the loyal friendship of other American Powers."

"There never was such a time when hemisphere solidarity was such a reality."—Reuter.

ALL FRONTS QUIET

"Quiet on all fronts" is the laconic communique issued in Cairo yesterday by British G.H.Q.—Reuter.

JAPAN SURPRISED BY ANGLO-U.S. FIRMNESS

THAT THE JAPANESE Government has been surprised by the firmness of British and American policy regarding the Burma Road, is the view expressed in London yesterday by the "Daily Telegraph" which says reactions in Japan have been contradictory.

There was a retreat from the first position that the opening of the Road would cause war to semi-official announcements that the matter must not be treated as a vital issue and that the Road was of little importance since Japan had obtained Vichy bases for communications in French Indo-China.

More danger signals have since reached Tokyo and Government is making efforts to persuade the Japanese that they must not be alarmed by the recall of American citizens from the Far East.

The British Embassy in Tokyo has now given similar advice to British nationals.

Arrangements for the evacuation of Americans are under way.

Such, says the "Daily Telegraph" is the confused background to the bombing of the Road.

Japanese Zig-Zags

Two inferences may fairly be drawn: The Japanese Government has been surprised by the firmness of British and American policy and its own has made zig-zags under pressure of different influences—militaristic and national.

The decisive factor may well be the enormous resources of man-power with the capacity for unceasing toil which the Chinese Government commands.

Japan undertook to conquer China by aircraft and mechanisation against a huge disparity in population. The Chinese are unbowed in unity and by that sheer human strength may swallow Japanese invasion as they have many others in their immortal past.—Reuter.

JAPANESE LEGATION IN AUSTRALIA

A JAPANESE LEGATION IS SOON TO BE ESTABLISHED IN AUSTRALIA, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, SAYS A JAPANESE REPORT FROM TOKYO.

A special committee of the Privy Council yesterday morning started deliberations on the establishment of a South Seas Affairs Bureau, in the Foreign Office and the opening of the Legation in Australia.—Reuter.

PREMIER IN SCOTLAND

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by Mrs. Churchill, paid a surprise visit on Tuesday to East Scotland for the purpose of inspecting the coast defences.

Accompanied by a number of British and Polish army officers, Mr. Churchill made an extensive tour on foot, by car, and by special train and expressed satisfaction with all the preparations he saw.—Reuter.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S CAMPAIGN

President Roosevelt who opened his election campaign with a speech in Philadelphia last night, is to follow it up by others at New York next Tuesday, at Washington next Wednesday and at Cleveland on November 2.

On November 4—election eve—he will make a final plea for re-election from White House.—Reuter.

KOBAYASHI RECALLED

Mr. Kobayashi, Minister of Commerce, and Japanese special envoy to the Batavia parleys, sailed from Sourabaya yesterday for Japan.—Reuter.

TEACHER ON CHARGE OF LOITERING

A well-dressed 20-year-old teacher and a 36-year-old transport driver figured in what the Magistrate said was "a curious case," at Marlborough Street Police Court.

They were Miss Norma Beryl Tutton and Arthur Byrn, both of Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park.

They were both charged with being suspected persons, loitering in Oxford Street with intent to commit a felony. Both were discharged.

Earning Money

Police said Byrn was selling matches in Oxford Street, and that Miss Tutton, who occasionally spoke to him, was engaged in attempting to steal from handbags of passers-by.

Both indignantly denied the charges, explaining that Byrn, whom Miss Tutton had often assisted in the past, was genuinely trying to earn money. When she spoke to Byrn in Oxford Street, she was warning him of the approach of a commissioner who might turn him away.

War Weapons Week

Newcastle's War Weapons Week, is to be extended to cover the whole of the Tyneside with a population of over 800,000, announces the National Savings Committee. The aim is to raise £3,000,000.

BRITAIN OFFERS MEDICAL STORES TO FRANCE

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is prepared to facilitate the importation into France and other occupied territories of medical stores destined essentially and exclusively for the assistance of the sick and wounded.

This has been made clear in a communication recently despatched by the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London to the International Red Cross in Geneva.

It also gives the answer to the open letter to the Prime Minister, published in the "New York Times" and signed by James Wood Johnson, ex-president of the American Volunteer Ambulance Corps in France, pointing out the danger of epidemics and disease in France this winter and saying it is possible to mitigate this danger without in any way relaxing the total blockade of enemy-controlled territory.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare's communication states that the British Government are prepared, in accordance with the recognised principles of international law, to facilitate the importation of medical supplies destined essentially and exclusively for the assistance of the sick and wounded, excluding substances which are capable of medical use but are not exclusively medical in character, such as foodstuffs and food extracts, clothing, blankets, fuel and household requirements.—Reuter.

RAILWAY INCREASE RELIEF

Worker ticket and season ticket holders are to escape the six per cent. increase of existing railway fares, which comes into force on December 1.

Colonel Moore-Brabazon, the Minister of Transport, announced this Government decision in the House of Commons yesterday.

There will also be no increase on the London Passenger Transport Board system, except the coach service.

The burden of the higher charges will fall on the casual travellers. It is recalled that the charges were increased by ten per cent. last January.—Reuter.

HOME GUARDS' BONFIRE FINE

Two members of the Home Guard and a special constable were among those fined at Working for black-out offences.

Captain Henry B. Lawson, Officer Commanding the Pirbright Section Home Guards, was fined £5 for having a bonfire alight in his garden at 10.25. A police officer stated that he saw flames 10 ft. high a quarter of a mile away.

On arriving on the scene, he found defendant's gardener and a special constable beating out the flames.

The fire was said to have been lit two days previously.

Wilfred Lewis, a member of the Worplesdon Home Guard, was fined £2 for having lights showing from the bathroom and dining-room.

Angus Humphries, a Woking special constable, was fined £3 because a light shone through his shop on to the pavement at one o'clock in the morning.

A light showing through a glass door at the rear of a fried fish shops resulted in William Jeruny, the manager, being fined £5.

BERLIN'S EVACUATION

Arrangements have been made for 75 special trains to take children from Berlin under the German Government's voluntary evacuation scheme, states the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper "Afton Bladet."

Berlin is the city, according to General Goering, immune from hostile air attack.—Reuter.

MINESWEEPER SUNK BY A MINE

An Admiralty announcement issued last night states that the minesweeper "Dundalk" under the command of Lieut. Commander F. A. Kirkpatrick, has been sunk by an enemy mine. The next of kin have been informed.—Reuter.

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SPECULATION ON THE INTRIGUES OF M. LAVAL

THE OFFICIAL GERMAN news agency says that M. Laval, the Vichy Vice-Premier, is now on his way back to Vichy from Paris following his conversations with Hitler. He is to report to Marshal Petain as soon as he arrives in Vichy.

The news agency points out that no German statement has yet been issued to explain the nature or extent of the discussions. Havas, the French agency, is more out-spoken when it says that all Frenchmen will understand that the meeting concerns the future of their nation, and calls it the "most important event since the armistice."

According to the Swiss press, it is fairly certain that the terms would mean France giving up Alsace-Lorraine to Germany and Nice and Tunis to Italy. For the rest, it is thought the terms would mean that the French Empire is dissolved between the Axis and its satellites, and that the French navy and air force are to be used against Britain.

Repeated denials from Vichy have done little to throw doubt on the general tenor of these reports.

Swiss reports state that neutral observers are of the opinion that the fate of France depends on the outcome of the struggle inside the Vichy Government.

Some say that Marshal Petain and General Weygand will refuse any settlement calling for French arms to be used against Britain. Laval and Company apparently have no qualms about this, except possibly a doubt as to how many Frenchmen would be willing to serve against Britain.

According to Rome reports, Hitler has sounded Laval on a plan for settlement making France a collaborator with the Axis Powers in the future prosecution of the war.

Well informed London circles warn against any assumption that the whole of the Vichy Government will support the intrigues of M. Laval. — Reuter.

PROFITEERS IN FLOUR

"The Government, supplying flour to your grocer at an approximate subsidised price of 1s. 4d. per stone, including transport costs, should immediately fix a maximum retail selling price for this essential foodstuff."

The Scottish agent who expressed this outspoken view, alleged that flour, because of the heavy Government subsidy pegging down its price, was now a "draught horse."

It was pulling far more than its fair load of the average grocer's profits—at the nation's expense!

Traders' Plea

"I've commonly seen flour we supply at 1s. 4d. a stone being retailed at prices up to 2s. 10d. a stone."

"If that is what the Government intended after pouring millions of public money into meeting the subsidy and transport charges, the sooner it alters its policy the better!"

"The flour ramp," he added, "is particularly bad in coast and country areas remote from main distribution centres."

"Why? It is now delivered to all dealers at the same flat rate."

"When challenged, many traders try to justify their prices by declaring that the profit margin on many other commodities has become so small that they must make a substantial gain on something else."

"That may be very satisfactory to the trader—but what of the public, taxed many millions per annum to keep flour at a low price, and then often paying 100 per cent. above the subsidy price as the trader's margin, on top?"

QUAKES IN BALKANS

MORE REPORTS OF EARTHQUAKES ARE COMING IN FROM EASTERN EUROPE.

According to the Bucharest press, many persons were seriously injured on Tuesday.

Other quakes are reported from

Bessarabia, Kief, Kharkof and other districts in the Ukraine. Further tremors are said to be shaking the Carpathians and the Caucasus region. — Reuter.

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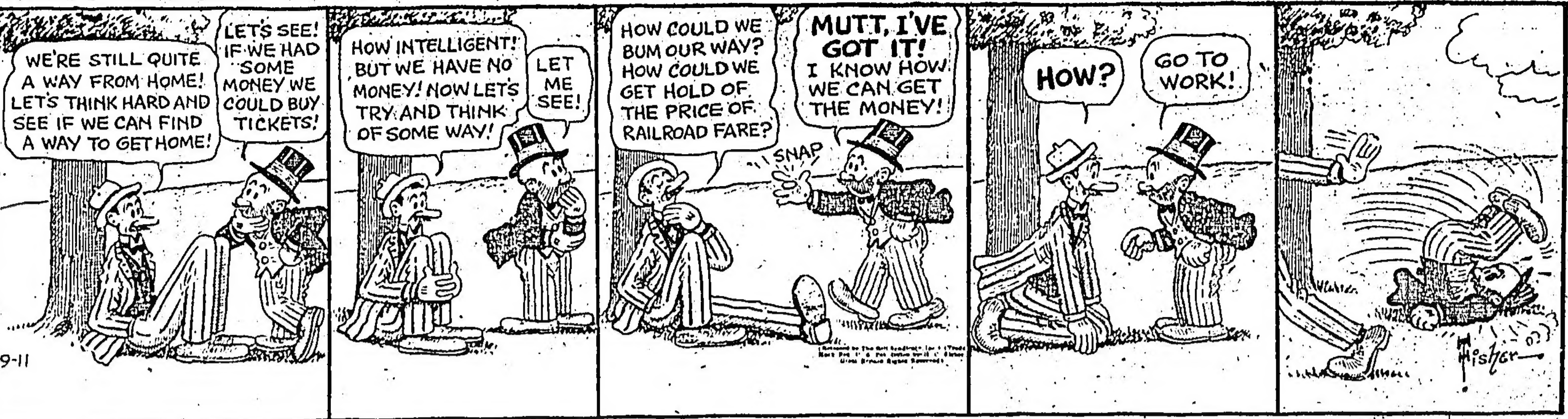
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ALIEN CAMPS 'NO BETTER THAN GOAL'

"I have never felt so ashamed or humiliated in my life than at the behaviour of our country towards those foreign friends of freedom who came to this country expecting to find England a city of refuge."

This statement was made at the Central Hall, Westminster, by Mr. H. W. Nevinnson, the veteran war correspondent, in a speech to delegates at a national conference called by the Council for the Defence of Civil Liberties to discuss freedom of speech, association and the Press.

Over 1,000 delegates, representing Trade Unions and other organisations, attended the conference.

"Sir John Anderson has blamed the War Office," added Mr. Nevinnson, "because of the risk in war time of having aliens free in our midst."

"Shameful"

"There must be some risk, but we as British people are prepared to take such a small risk rather than allow this shameful treatment of our natural friends and allies, many of whom came to us to escape from the tyranny against which we are all fighting."

"I am not complaining against the conditions in the camps, although I know that families have been separated, the father in Canada, the mother here and the son in Australia, I am protesting against friends of freedom being in internment camps at all."

"They came here believing that England was a refuge and

has been for a long time. These people, after suffering at the hands of despotism, came here thinking that they would be treated as friends and allies, but directly they landed they were posted off to a camp which is no better than a prison."

Dr. Marrack, of the Socialist Medical Association, said over 65 doctors and dentists were interned in this country, with no chance of their immediate release, and 600 nurses had also been dismissed from their employment because they were aliens.

There were shouts of protest when the chairman of the conference, Mr. W. H. Thompson, announced that the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Attlee, had refused to receive a deputation from the Conference Committee.

"L.L.G.'s Message"

Mr. Lloyd George sent a telegram expressing the hope that "our Government will not use a war in defence of civil liberty as an opportunity for suppressing it."

A telegram from Mr. W. Lunn, Labour M.P. for Rothwell, said that the "information disseminated by Duff Cooper, Harold Nicholson and Bacon, the North-Eastern Regional officer, is the sort that is best calculated to help the enemy in our midst."

JARGON IN WHITEHALL

Mr. Churchill, attacking the jargon at Whitehall, invites his colleagues and the heads of Civil Service departments to condense their reports and avoid "officialese." He quails at such phrases as: "It is also of importance to bear in mind the following consideration..." or "Consideration should be given to the possibility of carrying into effect..."

Mr. A. P. Herbert, M.P., who still wages his Word War, calls jargon "Jungle English" and "Ribbon-Writing." Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, another hater of woolly abstractions and pompous periphrases, once remoulded Hamlet's soliloquy in an exercise beginning, "To be, or the contrary? Whether the former or the latter be preferable would seem to admit of some difference of opinion."

"Officialese"

Here are examples of the "officialese" which alarms the Prime Minister:

"Pending this it is suggested that, having regard to the structure of industry, in — resulting in the whole almost invariably gaining or suffering from the condition of the key industries, it might be considered reasonable to give a certain measure of orders to the — area; any such action, it is believed, being likely to provide a greater proportional alleviation of the very serious situation existing then in almost any other district."

"The unity of view of the participants in the conversations has been established regarding the exceptional importance at the present time of an all-embracing collective organisation of security on the basis of the indivisibility of peace."

"The Minister sees no reason to question the view of the Council that, having regard to the fact that the site is closely adjacent to a road junction and that vehicles must enter or leave the premises in reverse gear or alternatively stand on the highway, the increase in traffic to and from the premises, consequent upon the erection of the pumps, is likely to be detrimental to public safety."

Now Whitehall must search instead for the "short expressive phrase." Mr. Churchill says that the discipline of setting out the real points concisely will help clearer thinking.

We wait anxiously for officials to "give consideration to the possibility of putting into immediate practice the recommendations with regard to verbiage stressed by the Prime Minister in a memorandum which has lately been circulated for scrutiny to responsible authorities in the departments concerned."

Or words to that effect.

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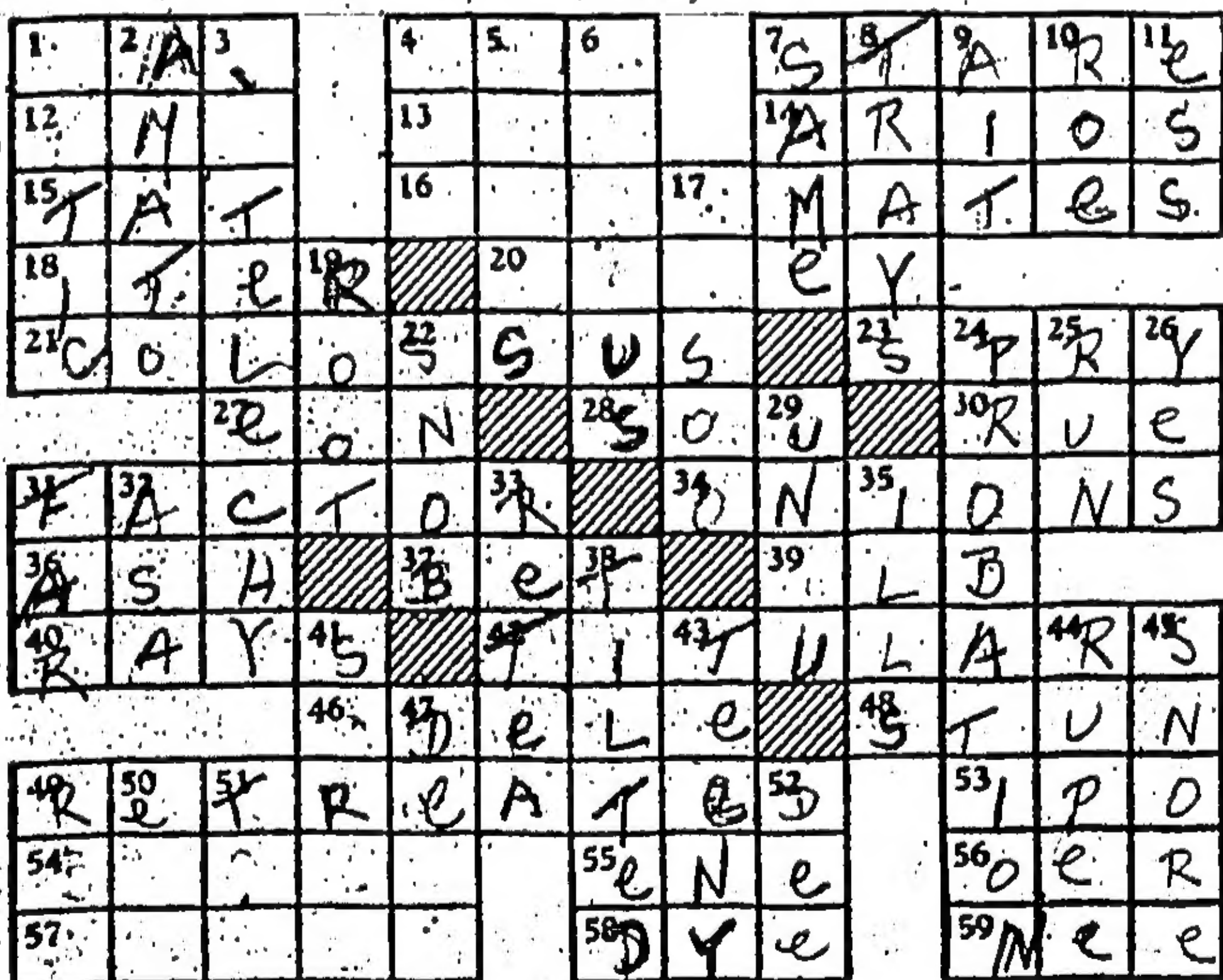
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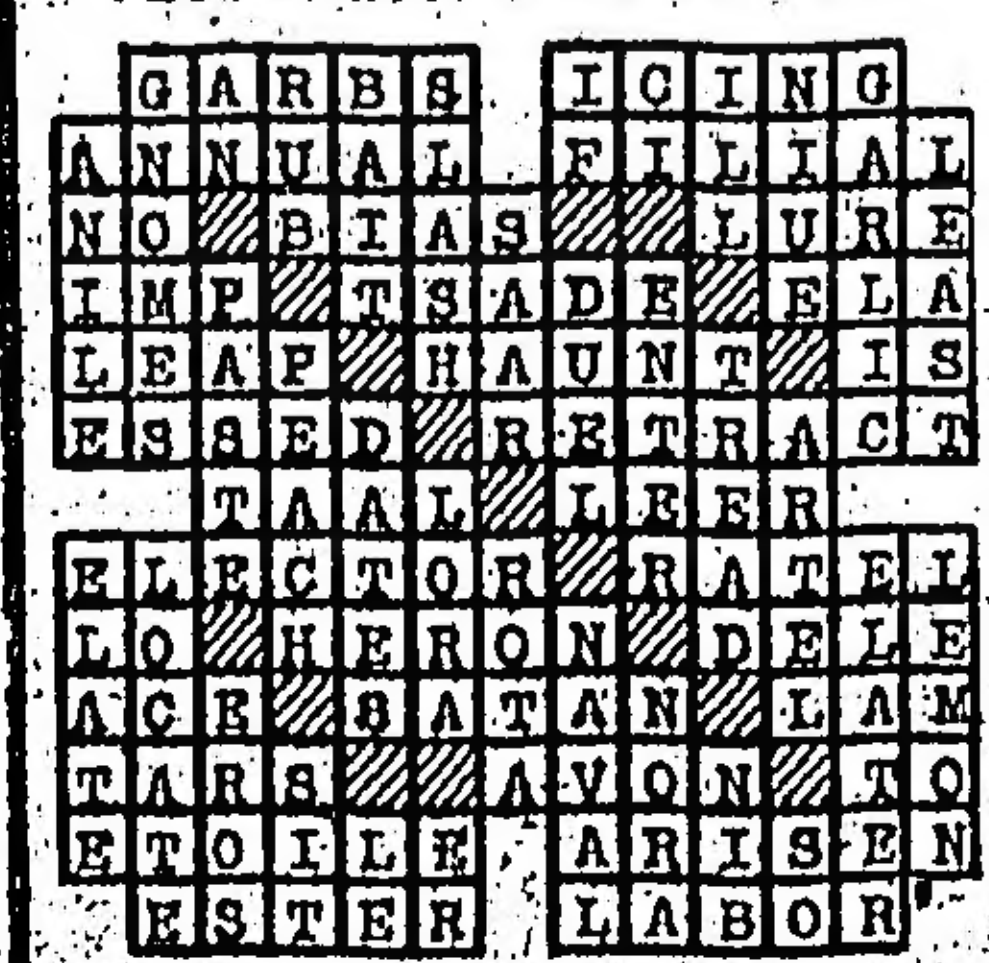
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- East-Indian tree
- Literary scraps
- To look fixedly
- Sea-eagle
- Bulgarian coin
- Constellation
- To make lace
- Detests
- Roman highway
- Mutual understanding
- Gigantic statue
- Agile
- Vast ago
- French coin
- To regret
- Agent
- Succulent vegetables
- Ember
- Wager
- Ecclesiastical vestment
- Beams
- Those holding offices by virtue of titles
- Roman magistrate
- To stupefy

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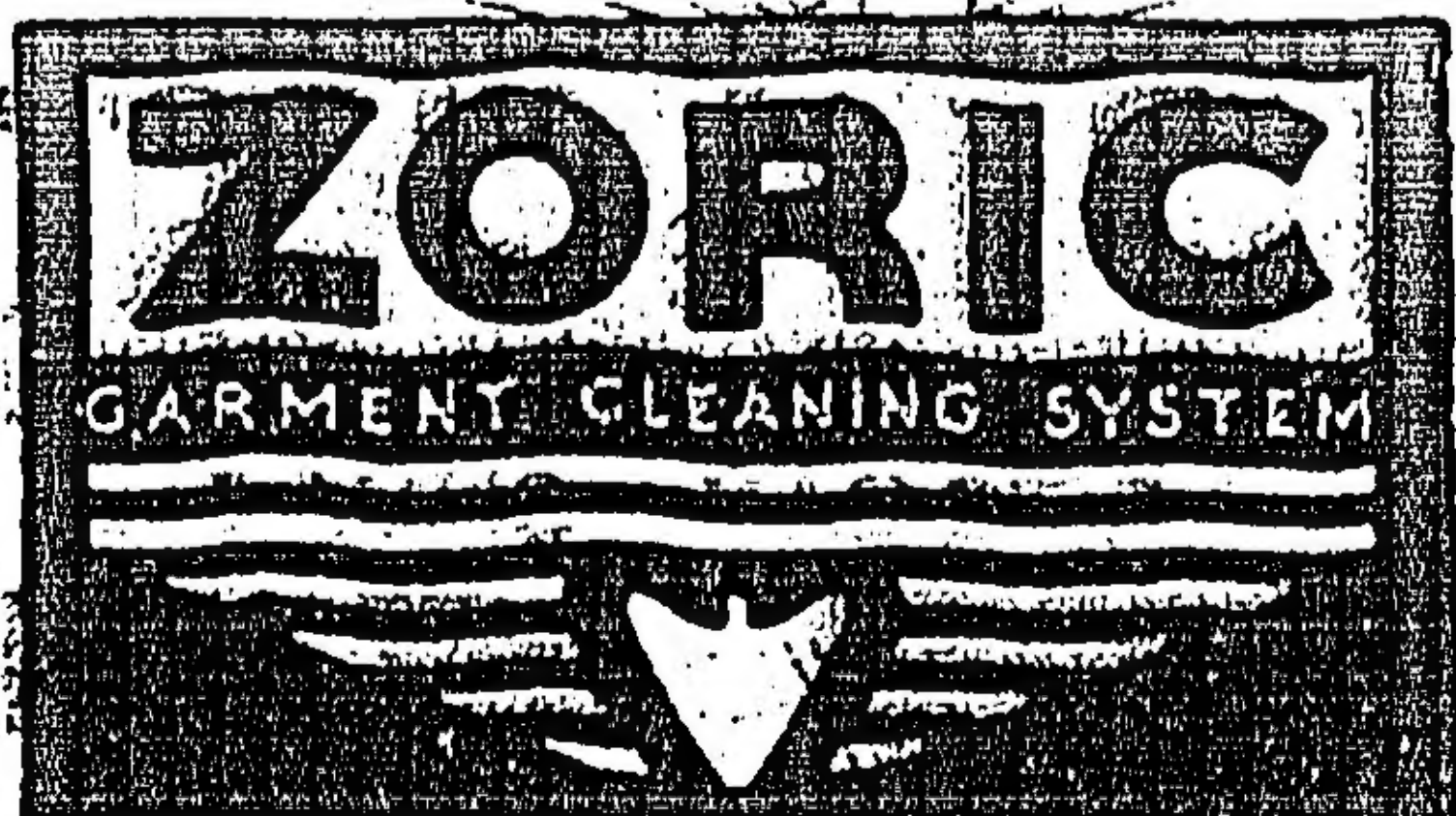
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R.A.F. VICTORY IN THE AIR AND THE FUTURE

INSTRUCTED OPINION must regard the victory won by the Royal Air Force—the greatest feat of arms in the annals of air war—not as a signal for thoughtless rejoicing, but as a supremely urgent call for still greater technical and industrial effort.

Although there is a long way to go and much hard fighting to be done, we are winning the war in the air. If we can put forth that still greater industrial and technical effort the Luftwaffe, which was to be the spearhead of German victory against Britain, may become the starting point of German defeat.

Its losses, excluding our bomber losses, since August 8 have been in the proportion of a little over four to one in machines, of nearly fifteen to one in trained men and—according to my calculations—about ten to one in man-hours of production. But it is still not enough.

Faster, quicker climbing, more manoeuvrable and more heavily armed and armoured aeroplanes, and many more of them; that is our imperative need. A prodigious technical advance, especially in day bombers, must be compassed in quick time.

The lively United States newspaper headline: "R.A.F. shooting its way to parity," expressed only part of the truth. For it is not possible in aerial combat to do more than whittle down German air strength very slowly; the massive effort to turn the scale must still come from the skilled engineers and devoted workpeople.

In its battles against the vast, swirling clouds of German aeroplanes the Royal Air Force profited by three things above all others: courage, team work, and first class technical equipment, and the last was perhaps the most important.

Some have said that in war there is always a swing back and forth of technical superiority. They suggest that, as we have it now, it must go to the Germans in the future. We shall accept such a view at our peril. There must be no swing back. There need be none.

But in order to arrest it the Air Staff must show fuller appreciation of advanced technical possibilities; it must be more ready to listen to those with unorthodox ideas; it must take greater account of the views expressed by those outside its own small circle of advisers.

New German Types

In this war the Germans have introduced three chief new types to their squadrons; the Heinkel 113 single-seat fighter, a development of the 112; the Messerschmidt 110 twin-engined cannon fighter and its extrapolation the Jaguar bomber, the Junkers 88 high performance bomber, and the Dornier 215 bomber. Rumour—and so far it is nothing more—credits them with preparing new machines, including four-engined night bombers and a new twin, tandem-engined cannon fighter of revolutionary design.

We have introduced the Boulton Paul Defiant turret fighter and the Bristol Beaufort medium bomber and general purpose aeroplane. The Fairey Albacore is going into the Fleet Air Arm. All these machines, British and German, were under development long before the war. None of the British ones represents notable performance advances. Meanwhile, the brunt of our air work is being borne by the aircraft with which we entered the war: the Vickers-Armstrongs Wellington and the Armstrong Whitworth Whitley heavy bombers, and the Vickers-Armstrongs Spitfire and the Hawker Hurricane fighters.

Day Bombers Wanted

We have medium bombers for day work, but it has been clear for a long time that we lack high-performance day bombers. They are fifty or sixty miles an hour slower than the German fighters. That weakness the Beaufort will not repair. But it must be repaired at the earliest moment, for we cannot strike back hard enough if our bombing is confined to nights and cloudy days. Twenty-four-hour all-weather bombing of Germany is essential for domination of the air. The Germans have neglected

night bombing equipment, and are no doubt hard at work to repair that error. We have neglected day-bombing equipment, and must make similar efforts.

So the need is for swift technical advance linked with numerical advance. We must hold and ever increase our technical lead in the future. We must not look on the Spitfire and Hurricane as the last word in fighters or on the Blenheim and Beaufort as the last word in day bombers. The most experienced high-speed military aircraft designer in this country put forward at the beginning of the war a design for an unorthodox bomber capable of 400 miles an hour with big load and range. It is the greatest pity that this design was not accepted, for it would have been almost ready by now. Mistakes of this kind by the Air Staff must not be repeated.

Strategy

Something must now be added on German air strategy. It has followed so far the forecasts made. There have been the dispersed attacks, first on ports, then on targets further inland. The raids crept in from the convoys at sea to the ports, and then to London and other inland cities. In spite of his heavy losses the enemy stuck woodenly to programme.

If he continues to stick to programme the next steps are likely to be a sudden hardening and intensification of attack at a few points directly the dispersed attacks are thought to have dispersed our forces.

So far the numbers of aircraft deployed by the Germans have tended to confirm the estimate that the German first-line strength is 5,000 aeroplanes with a total, including training machines, of between 30,000 and 35,000. But the possibility of the enemy having still held back big reserves for a final assault must not be overlooked.

German Morale

There is as yet no indication of a decline in German Air Force morale. Air-Marshal Sir Philip Joubert, who, in his extremely interesting broadcasts seems often to express official opinion, mentioned some statements reported to have been made by German airmen brought down in Britain as indicating a lowered morale.

It is to be hoped that in this he was not voicing Air Ministry views. The psychological state of an airman immediately after crash and capture tends to cause him at first to say anything likely to appease his captors. German airmen prisoners, when they have fully recovered, are usually as truculent as other Germans and not in the least demoralised.

Let us beware of believing these stories which suggest an imminent collapse of the German air force. It is being beaten, but it will not wilt except under incessant battering.

And, as Lord Trenchard has rightly pointed out, that battering must include ever heavier bombing. We must build up our bombing force with new and better aeroplanes. While we give our fighters yet higher speed, greater powers of climb and manoeuvre, and heavier armour and armament, we must also create a stronger striking force of day-and-night bombers.

The key to air parity and then to air supremacy still remains with the engineers and designers and the British working people.

Finally, it is to be noted that heavy German losses are likely to lead to wilder and more reckless attack. They may lead to new German attempts at frightfulness, including perhaps the spraying of gas—which is a practical possibility.

GERMANY'S BIG GUNS

Probably Made
In France

The long-range guns used by the enemy to shell our Channel coast are probably of French manufacture. The French are known to have had long-range artillery behind the Maginot Line.

The calibre of the shell that has reached our shores corresponds to the size of this artillery, which was on railway mountings. In designing a gun for shooting at normal range the first consideration is the destructive effect of the shell. If the range is lengthened the walls of the shell have to be thickened. This is to enable them to withstand the greater shock of the bigger charge of powder to give an increased velocity.

A long-range shell has a different shape from that used for normal work. Its base is streamlined to give it a boat-shaped form. This, with the thickened walls, reduces the interior space that can be filled with explosive, and considerably limits the destructive effect.

"Ghost Head"

The shell is also fitted with a ballistic cap, or ghost head, which is a sharply-pointed hollow steel shell fitted over the usual shaped head to help the shell to cut through the air without losing velocity.

A long-range gun is not a particularly efficient weapon because of its small bursting charge in comparison with shell weight and diameter, and besides the heavy propelling charge wears out the gun very quickly. Such a gun does not retain its accuracy for more than ten or a dozen rounds.

BURMA RD. MAY BRING U.S.A. INTO WAR

The influential Rome newspaper "Il Popolo d'Italia" advanced the possibility that the re-opening of the British Burma road leading into Free China might provide the spark to ignite the American powder keg and bring the United States into war.

The newspaper added that the function of the tripartite military, economic and political pact between Germany, Italy and Japan was "closely linked to the events that may occur" after the road re-opened. It asserted that the re-opening of the highway was almost sure to bring Britain and Japan into conflict.—Associated Press.

HOW THE MISSING ARE TRACED

A leaflet has been prepared by the War Office explaining the steps taken to trace wounded and missing men.

It states that lists of personnel missing as a result of active operations are compiled by the War Office, the Admiralty, and the Air Ministry, and sent to the Wounded, Missing and Relatives Department of the Joint British Red Cross and Order of St. John, 7, Belgrave Square, London, S.W., who at once institute such further inquiry as is possible.

"GIVE PLANT MY NAME"

Mr. Frederick Bostock, of Pitsford, Northants, has left his polyanthus plants and seeds to Mr. Anderson, his head gardener, in the hope that he will place the strain on the market and designate it "F. Bostock Strain."

CHINA MAIL

AUSSIE POLITICS

The spirit in which the forming of a National Cabinet in Australia is approached by the party leaders is all-important to any successful compromise in difficult circumstances. They have approved in principle the proposed objective, but the road of past experience is strewn with warnings of the need to preserve that objective from being obscured in the insurgence of baser, party rivalries, initially forsworn. It cannot be too strongly urged that no sectional considerations, no preconceived notion of individual place or prestige in purely party estimation, should be allowed to obstruct the negotiations for launching a united war policy, and establishing the strongest possible national Executive, recruited from all sides of the House, to carry it out.

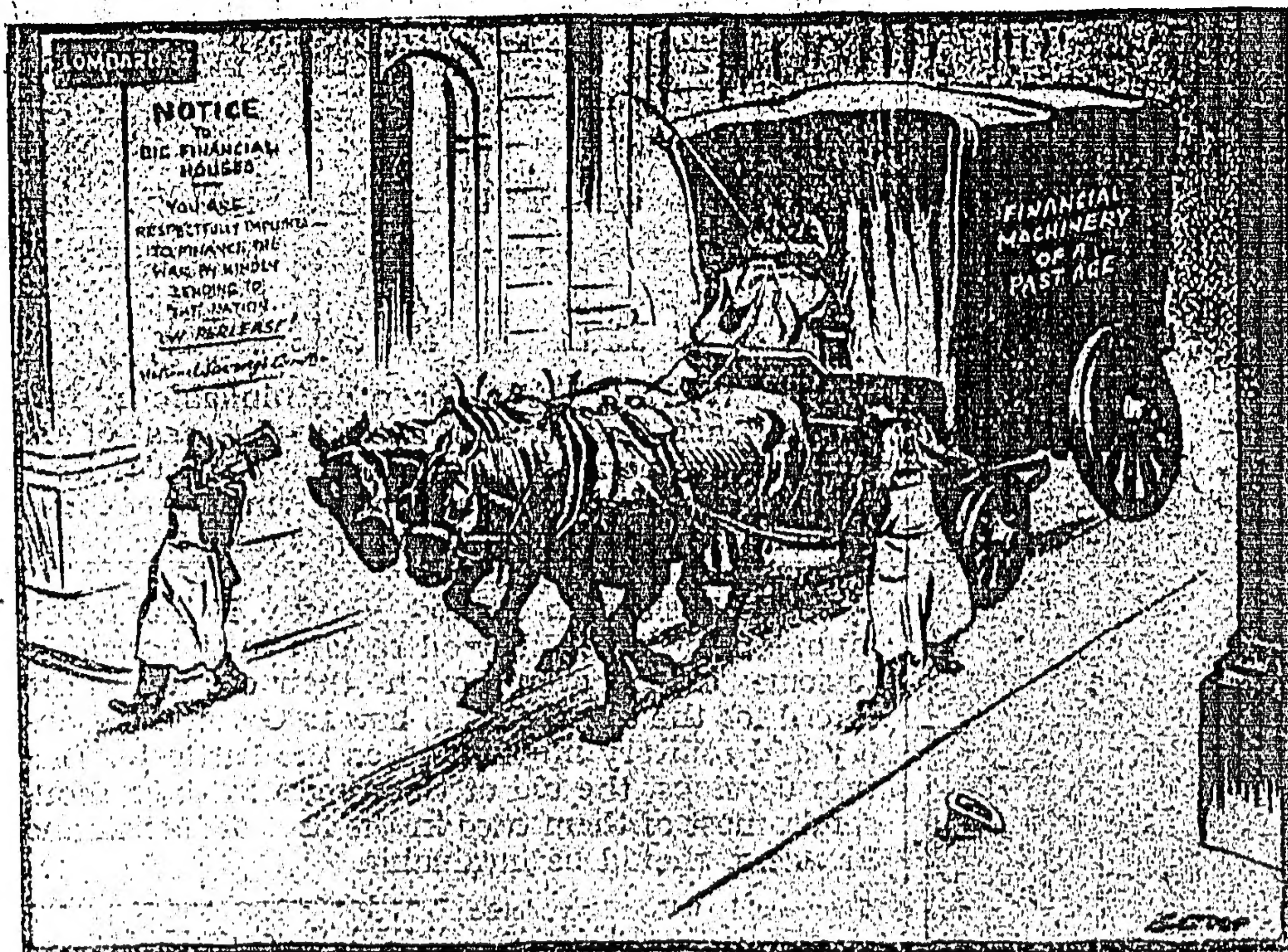
The motives of Mr. Curtin, and of the all-Australian Labour conference from which he derives his authority, in opposing previously a united Ministry, were before the elections clearly explained and appreciated, even by critics who could not accept the Labour viewpoint.

But circumstances have changed. Clouds on the international horizon which then aroused misgiving have now advanced and their menace is unmistakable. The choosing of the period for the elections was a sign that those at the helm of State believed they could see for three weeks ahead. Today no man dare assert that it is possible to see ahead for more than days. The electors themselves sensed the tightening of tension—equally with Ministers and other candidates—while the election campaign was in progress; and the election verdict registered the impression. What Mr. Menzies urged as proper and statesmanlike weeks ago has now become a course imperative, nay unavoidable, in the eyes of every intelligent observer of international events.

TURNING TIME?

In his broadcast to Frenchmen, Mr. Churchill hinted at an earlier end to the war than is generally believed likely. A bitter winter is ahead. He does not hide that. If Britain holds out, as she has rosy hopes of doing, the prospects of ultimate

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Comradeship Of Girl Guides

Empire Girl Guides have raised £48,475 for two air ambulances—just £28,475 more than they hoped to collect. As a result, there has been a conference with the Admiralty, War Office, and the Y.M.C.A., who were all asked how this money should be spent.

The Admiralty has asked for motor ambulances. They are to be given twenty fully-equipped ambulances, which will cost £11,000.

The War Office told the Chief Commissioner of the need for "quiet rooms" in all the permanent camps, where services may be held on Sundays, and where men may read, write, and rest during the week. The sum of £10,000 has been set aside for them.

The Y.M.C.A. suggested two large complete units, one for England and one for Scotland, which will help to replace the equipment which was lost in France. These are to cost £5,000.

The Guide Of Dunkirk

And another £5,000 has already been spent on a motor lifeboat, which made its maiden voyage as a unit in the epic of Dunkirk. The boat is to be christened The Guide of Dunkirk.

Writing to thank the Guides, Colonel Satterthwaite, of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, said that the new lifeboat had not come out of the Dunkirk

Nazi victory will be greatly dimmed. Not only the conquered populations in Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, The Netherlands, Belgium, and France but also the conquered people of Germany, may be watching the signs of the times with anxious eyes. As long as Germany retains military mastery, they are cowed and helpless. There are two ways of meeting such a mastery: from without and from within. Britain holds the fort from without. The sooner we are able to sally from that fort, as Mr. Churchill promised, the harder it will be for the Nazi overlords to meet the challenge from within.

evacuation without some damage. "But I do not think you need trouble about the cost of repairs due to her service at Dunkirk, as these will, in any event, be small, and I think they will be defrayed from Government sources," he added.

All the Guides' gifts will be distinguished by a large trefail and an inscription which says: "Presented by the Girl Guides of the Empire, Empire Week, 1940."

Bulletins on the progress of the appeal tell amazing stories—stories about Brownies who made toffee and sold it to family and friends so that they could add their quota to the Empire appeal; about a crippled post-ranger who set aside the shilling she had left out of her tiny invalid pension when her weekly five-shilling living expenses were paid; of Mary, in an African orphanage, who asked the matron to send the only two shillings she had in the world to the fund.

In London—now that the fund is closed—Guides are trying to keep up a spirit of international comradeship in a world which has seen most of Europe eliminated from international friendships for some time, by taking over the top floor of the World Bureau. It is to become the home of every refugee Guide in England.

A small library of books in their own languages is being collected. Comfortable armchairs and writing tables are being used to furnish a clubroom where Guides from Poland, Belgium, Holland, France, and Austria will be able to hold patrol meetings. They will be able to feel it is their very own.

Australian Guides have shared in the work English Guides are doing for refugees by sending cases of clothes.

"They were beautifully tailored and sewn," one of the staff at headquarters said. "So beautifully made, in fact, that it was a pleasure to be able to pass them on. Everyone felt that they were personal gifts, and I believe everyone who made them had done it in that spirit."

Escaped In Open Boat

Guide companies all over England have adopted refugees. The Maidstone Guides adopted a whole family from Amsterdam because of Josephine, who was a Guide in an Amsterdam company before the German invasion. She escaped to England with her parents and Scout brother in an open boat. They took a week to get here. Nobody knew how to row, and they shipped a great deal of water, which Josephine baled out with a gas mask container. They had no food and very little water. When they reached England Josephine had to be taken to hospital. Her feet had swollen to

three times their normal size from exposure. Guides who visited her in hospital were not told she was a fellow-Guide until twinkling-eyed Josephine saluted them when they left.

Reports from French Guides who are in England now give some idea of the work which was done in France when the Germans broke through in June.

Day And Night Shifts

In Nantes, Guides and Scouts worked in day and night shifts under the Red Cross. The Guides ran a creche and play centre for the refugee children and helped the Red Cross with a first-aid tent and canteen. They helped to reunite families by putting up a large notice-board divided into different districts. Refugees put their names down as they came into Nantes, and found families and friends through alphabetically arranged lists. This was done in the middle of appalling, heart-breaking confusion.

More stories come in about the English Guides' work. They are haymaking, picking fruit, gardening, pruning, and weeding. Some have turned themselves into emergency salvage corps. One company collected 5,000 used razor blades and sent them off to an air-raid warden who had announced that he could collect a million in a fortnight. Others are looking after child evacuees; others are standing by at first-aid posts.

A letter from a post-ranger in north-east England sums up the whole spirit of these girls who are growing up in a country at war. This crippled girl wrote: "The night that we had the raid my young sister and I had mother for casualty No. 1. She bled profusely, and we were thoroughly glad of our combined first-aid knowledge. Emma did the running about and I produced the equipment. We blessed the day when we both took up Guiding."

It is a grand spirit—a spirit which everyone who knows the work is quite sure that Germany will not be able to break.

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lume. "Oh, that!" I remarked, reading the title, "Mein Kampf." And I gave, if not an actual, a mental shrug. "Lot of nonsense, don't you think?"

"What I have read so far—yes, I suppose," he replied with evident uncertainty. "And yet—I was in the last war, and, however fantastic such a plan of conquest might be—"

"But," I reassured him as his voice trailed off without concluding his intended remark, "it is a long way from here to Herr Hitler or, rather, from Herr Hitler to here." And we all three laughed.

The Tiniest Island

Since the invasion and subsequent occupation of the Low Countries, there has been frequent mention in the news of "maintaining the status quo in the Dutch East Indies." The best-known of these are, of course, Sumatra, Java, and the much smaller but extremely beautiful Bali. Few persons, even those who have circled the globe, have heard of Pajue Samboe. Yet, this first and smallest of the Dutch East Indies has a strategic importance not to be minimised; for it is to Pajue Samboe that the oil from the wells of Sumatra and Java is taken in Dutch ships for canning and final shipment abroad. Not so very long ago, we were privileged to spend a day on this tiny island, two hours by launch off Singapore, at the invitation of the resident manager of the oil company. He had been on leave in his native Amsterdam,

By Violet Alleyn Storey

where his young wife and two small children were prolonging their stay so that the children might enjoy their first real Dutch Christmas.

We took off from Singapore in the mid-morning of a sultry Sunday. The launch proved to be crowded with Malaysians, in their stiff-starched Sunday best, returning from church services on the mainland. Obviously courteous, they went out of their way to make us comfortable and the trip seemed very short. The launch landed in a rather desolate spot at a small dock on which our host stood waiting. He greeted us with great good will and explained that he lived on the other side of the island. We followed him, single-file, up a steep pathway, the steps of which had been made by pressing discarded oil drums into the soil. There was no vegetation in sight but a number of barnlike structures were visible ahead of us. These were the company's refineries, canneries, and inspection sheds. About fifty Hollanders lived on the island. The manual labour was done by Chinese, Japanese, Cingalese, and a few East Indians. Each of these groups had its own settlement and lived in accordance with its native customs. There was a school with classes for children of each racial group. Dutch employees had a club and all sorts of sports were indulged in.

Suddenly, mounting the crest of the slope, we came to a row of white stucco, Dutch-style houses, each with a lush green backyard garden in which stood a cook-house, detached from the home. At the corner house we followed our host up the high stoep to a screened door that was opened instantly by a lithe, barefooted Malay boy. We entered a parlour, so like a parlour in any modern American home as to be startling when one glimpsed the Indian Ocean through the front window, between the scarlet-blossomed branches of the Flame of the Forest trees.

At tiffin we found the dining room typically Dutch, but the meal itself, prepared by a Javanese cook, consisted of Javanese riceplate, an elaborate sort of curry; Malayan bread, made from rice flour and pounded shrimp; and a tapioca pudding, sweetened with sap from an East Indian tree. Tropical fruits topped off the repast.

After luncheon, we went on a tour of inspection of the house and later in the afternoon, when the day had grown a bit cooler, saw how the "other half" on the island lived.

Our host invited us back to "sit a bit" before we took the launch for Singapore. So, once again we found ourselves in the little parlour with its American overstuffed furniture and its view of the Indian Ocean. We were silent all of us, as people are who have enjoyed each other's company and are about to part. Suddenly, our host, as if embarrassed by the silence, sought to shatter it.

"Read, this?" he questioned idly, picking up a book that lay on the table near which he sat. He handed me a cumbersome volume.

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SIX ALLIED ARMIES IN BRITAIN

IT WOULD HAVE been unthinkable a few months back that part of the armed forces of six European nations were to be encamped on British soil, determined at the cost of leaving homes and families to fight on with their Allies until the war is won.

Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, and France—they all remain in the struggle to some extent, even though their countries are forced for the time being to bow to German treachery and military might; and as the battle for Britain develops, the aid of these men in their thousands, most of them tried in the fires of Narvik and Flanders, should be invaluable.

They could tell endless stories of escape. Most of them were brought off in British warships and other craft that swarmed over to Dunkirk, but many had to fight a way through the German lines, make their way on foot to the French coast, and find a fishing boat or even row across the Channel.

In the light of later events increasing admiration must be felt for the defence of the Poles last September before their Allies were ready to bring them much help. Many thousands of them managed to escape into France, but they had hardly been reformed and equipped before they were caught up in another German onslaught, and of the two divisions who fought on the Maginot front one is interned in Switzerland and the other, which paraded before General Sikorski on a Lorraine heath where Joan of Arc was born, suffered severely in forcing a way back to central France.

Goosestep in Scotland

Now a smaller, but still resolute, Polish army, arrayed in British battle-dress, is under canvas amid the low hills of Scotland. The other day, for the first time on foreign soil, they celebrated Soldiers' Day, the anniversary of the miracle of the Vistula by which twenty years ago, the forces of Marshal Pilsudski routed the Bolsheviks at the gates of Warsaw.

General Sikorski, who then led an army in what has gone down as one of the most decisive battles in history, went up to inspect his First Brigade, and as it marched past him nothing so closely resembling the goosestep can have been seen before to the strains of Scottish pipes.

Some of the men on parade had fought with him before Warsaw twenty years ago; many of them had been through the three campaigns of Poland, Norway, and Flanders in this war. "Poland will rise again," was the spirit of the day's ceremonies.

The men are so determined to avenge their country that they had no sooner been issued with rifles than they asked when they could fight the Germans.

Some of their airmen, who make splendid pilots, are already doing so.

The Poles are very popular, and have quickly made friends with their Scottish hosts. They are beginning to learn each other's language, and, indeed, have more in common than might appear at first sight.

Apparently the Polish highland dances are almost identical with the Scottish; they may well have come down from the days nearly three centuries ago when Scottish soldiers went out to help the Poles in their fight against Sweden.

French Tanks

The strongest foreign force in Britain, of course, is General de Gaulle's army of free Frenchmen, which is fast becoming organised on land, sea, and air. They, moreover, managed to rescue a good deal of their equipment, and amid the air raid warnings — with German bombers overhead at one moment — we saw a section of their famous light tanks go through a manoeuvre against a supposed force of parachutists.

Among the French forces are some of the toughest fighters in the world — a regiment of the legendary Foreign Legion, who were the first to enter Narvik, and later on, to their deep disgust, had to leave Brittany without firing a shot. These are men who

VILLAGES' SPITFIRE CONTEST

Stevenage, in Hertfordshire, with just over 5,000 inhabitants, has launched a Spitfire Fund and has challenged the neighbouring town of Hitchin, with 15,000 population, in a race to be first in attaining the objective.

The Lord Mayor of Newcastle has received £1,700 towards the purchase of a Spitfire, and Messrs. Clarke, Chapman and Co., engineers, have sent the Mayor of Gateshead a cheque for £1,000 for a like purpose.

The Minister of Aircraft Production acknowledges the gift of £6,000 from Anglo-Maltese League, Malta, and £5 5s. from the supervisors and staff of Reading Telephone Exchange.

The people of Guildford (Surrey) have, in twelve days, subscribed enough to buy their first Spitfire. Contributions received to their fund brought it up to £6,000.

Members of the Bolsover Colliery (Derbyshire) have decided to allocate one penny in every 10s. earned towards the cost of buying Spitfires. It is the intention of the Bolsover Company to finance this fund to a generous extent, and it is expected that at least three Spitfires will be purchased.

WORKERS' ESCAPES IN FIRE

Five men had narrow escapes when a serious fire broke out in the Bryant and May factory in Bow, East London.

Most of the factory workers were able to leave without difficulty.

Five men, Henry Bourke, Joseph Poster, Sydney Bellman, J. Aydoor and R. A. Regent, were trapped. They were eventually rescued by firemen with an 80ft ladder.

One hundred firemen and A.F.S. men eventually put out the fire.

Fire broke out in the drapery store of Monclon's in High Road, Ilford.

Crowds flocked into the street from dance halls and bars to watch the firemen, assisted by A.F.S. men, who soon got the fire under control.

FOOD THIEVES

Allotment sneak thieves were given a stern warning by Alderman H. Bowles, Chairman of the Nottingham Watch Committee, and a senior Magistrate.

"In this time of national danger leniency may prove a grave mistake," he said. "Food supply of the people is threatened and everything must be done to increase and protect it."

Misplaced Kindness

"Misplaced kindness by some Magistrates is discouraging persons from cultivating allotments, and is also causing owners to refrain from prosecuting culprits because they know that an effective penalty is improbable."

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COLONEL KILLED AT SEA

The body of Lieut.-Colonel Claude Beddington, the well-known traveller, was landed from a yacht at Milford Haven when it was stated that he had been killed by machine-gun bullets.

Potted Junkers On His Menu

SOON AFTER HE HAD done a day's work in the office at the station headquarters, a wing commander went off alone, shot down a couple of Junkers 87 dive bombers and flew back alone to an Essex aerodrome in time for dinner. His story was told by the Air Ministry.

In this air war of big formations, there are not many lone flights.

Here, beginning with the wing commander, are stories of three single combats that stand out from the hundreds of dog-fights and team battles.

The wing commander has been nearly 20 years in the R.A.F. He has won the D.S.O. in this war and likes to see his squadron in action whenever he can, and not merely to hear about it when they return.

Dived And Never Came Up!

Two of his squadrons were in the air 20,000 feet above the Essex Coast. He himself had climbed to 15,000 feet when he saw eight Nazi dive bombers 5,000 feet below him. He dived as they dropped their bombs.

One Junkers 87 which was caught by his first round from behind and above burst into flames and went straight down. The Wing Commander pulled out of his dive and attacked again.

Gave Him Night Target

A second Junkers 87 caught exactly in the same way, also crashed. He has been fighting for years in some part of the French Empire. "It is our metier," they will tell you.

ed in flames.

A second single combat happened at night, when a Spitfire pilot saw a German bomber held by searchlight beams 20,000 feet over Bristol.

The German managed to evade the searchlight. All the British pilot had to guide him was the glow of the enemy's exhaust. He kept up a running fight, until the enemy crashed.

Single combat No. 3 was fought in a cloud. It nearly ended in disaster for a Spitfire pilot as well as for a German bomber.

The pilot had attacked a Dornier 17 which was trying to bomb a ship off the South Wales coast. He saw the Dornier climb into cloud.

The fight-lieutenant went in after his enemy.

A few seconds later, he heard loud cracks on his Spitfire and knew that he was being hit, but there was no sight of the Dornier.

Suddenly he understood why; the bomber was right beneath him.

Two-Seconds Burst

"Eventually," he said, "I saw the Dornier, and from about 25 yards gave him a two-seconds burst."

That finished the Dornier. The Spitfire came out of the cloud and only just managed to make a safe crash-landing.

THE PEOPLE AND THE AIR WAR

MANY SMALL INCIDENTS during the sustained air attacks on Britain have shown how coolly the people are facing danger. The stories—and by no means all are chronicled—illustrate British imperiturbability, courage, presence of mind, and good humour.

They increase in number daily. Here are a few of them, taken from the events of the last few weeks:—

During the heaviest raid so far on one section of the north-east coast miners climbed to the summit of a slag-heap to watch the fighting.

They stood there, cheering and waving their caps as a British fighter chased an escaping bomber out to sea, engaged it, and shot it down.

A surgeon at a Portsmouth hospital had just started a critical mastoid operation on a woman when a bomb fell close at hand. Anti-aircraft guns answered. All around, the noise became deafening; but among the confusion, with fighting overhead, the surgeon and his five assistants continued their work and ended the operation successfully. The woman is recovering.

A British pilot who was shot down and rescued during one of the battles over the Channel immediately telephoned his base from a police station. "I shall be back this afternoon," he said urgently. "Don't forget to have a plane ready."

When Dornier raiders appeared over Portland and Weymouth "like a swarm of bees in the sky," the windows of a chapel in which a children's service was being held were blown out.

The forty children present went into a lecture room at the back, sheltered against the wall, and went on singing their hymns until the end of the raid.

Hundreds of people watched a night attack on Croydon. Some stood on the top deck of an omnibus. Soldiers cheered every time a raider fell. Children who had been driving with their mothers left their cars, lay down in a field, and had a good view of the battle.

That night people in a south-east coast town "cheered themselves hoarse" when an anti-aircraft gun scored a direct hit on a Messerschmidt 109 and sent it flaring into the sea.

At an Overseas Club party for members of the Dominions fighting forces on "Blitzkrieg Day" two chairs were reserved for Hitler and Mussolini. They remained vacant.

Lord Willingdon read two cables. According to these, Hitler explained: "Set off according to plan but was blown back by hurricane," and Mussolini reported: "All Italian sailings cancelled owing to secret manoeuvres in port."

An ice-cream salesman at Hornchurch sold his entire stock to people waiting in a public shelter during a raid.

A woman having her hair waved in a Hornsey saloon refused the proprietor's invitation to take cover, and asked him to continue.

At the time of the first London raid warning the band of the Irish Guards was playing on Tower Hill. When the bandmaster announced that all who wished to take shelter should do so, few people moved; the crowd shouted "Carry on, Bill," and the programme continued.

"If they don't come any nearer, we shan't mind at all," said a farmer's wife after a bomb had blown tiles off the roof of the house and made the furniture dance about.

At one London station a dozen sailors, going on leave, took no notice at all of the air-raid warning. They spent the time having their boots cleaned by the shoeblick, who was also cheerfully oblivious of the raid.

A German airman, whose machine was shot down by Spitfires in a North-East coast village, was unwise enough to sneer at the clothes of a workman who ran across to challenge him.

"My mate," said another workman, "promptly punched him on the nose—and he didn't need telling again to put his hands up."

A village baker in the South-East, who woke to find that a bomb had shattered his window, placed a new notice in front of his shop: "Don't let Hitler spoil your appetite. Bread and cakes as usual."

When a raid warning came during a pig sale in an Eastern Counties market the auctioneer asked whether the company would like to adjourn to shelters or carry on with the sale. The sale continued, but first a collection was taken for the local Spitfire fund, and opened by one of the buyers with a £500 cheque.

An air-raid, with its assorted noises, had been disturbing a harbour village for twenty minutes. As an old-age pensioner had not joined her neighbours, one of them went out in a lull to look for her. She was discovered halfway through a large meal, and explained that she had stayed to keep the canary company, as it had seemed nervous.

A woman woke to the sound of bombs dropping in open country near her house. Almost at once she heard her maid knocking on the bedroom door and announcing calmly: "Bombs, please, madam!"

During an evening raid on London the window of a suburban sweet-shop was blown out. But the bottles remained on the shelves, and children ran in to buy sweets as soon as the raid ended.

HOME GUARD. 'SHUN!

HERE IS SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW

SPECIAL SCHOOLS where young and old are taught how to kill Germans are a feature of English life these days, according to an article in the German weekly, "Das Reich."

SUBMARINE SAVED HER TWO SONS

When the British submarine Truant rescued the crew of the steamer Haxby, imprisoned on the Norwegian vessel Tropic Sea, which the Germans had captured, it reunited a Glasgow mother with her two sons.

They had been reported missing, feared lost, for four months. Despite the official news of her sons, Mrs. Jean Davidson, of Deem Place, Glasgow, refused to believe that her boys would not return.

Convinced Of Safety

She had her conviction that they were safe confirmed when the Truant's Almark exploit was announced.

The rescued brothers are Denis, aged 33, and James aged 23, who sailed on the Haxby early in April, and were reported missing, feared lost, on July 6.

COMMUNAL FEEDING IN NEWCASTLE

Arrangements are practically completed for communal feeding in Newcastle should enemy action render such necessary.

'PEN PALS' FOR SOLDIERS PLAN

The British Legion is to set up an organisation to establish contacts between lonely soldiers and members of the public.

Those willing to correspond with soldiers should communicate with the Soldiers' Correspondence Dept., Headquarters British Legion, Cardigan House, Richmond, Surrey.

ENJOYED HER RAID BIRTHDAY

Nazi night raids are turned to good account by enterprising folk in the North-West of England.

Every time the sirens go in one district occupants of a communal shelter take a collection for the local Spitfire fund.

Among the cheeriest young people in the North-West are the inmates of a children's hospital. A threatened air attack is merely the signal for a great sing-song. "Their conduct inspires us," a nurse confessed.

She Was Seven

One little girl celebrated her seventh birthday in the family shelter. Afterwards she said: "What a gorgeous birthday. Wasn't it grand singing those songs in the shelter?"

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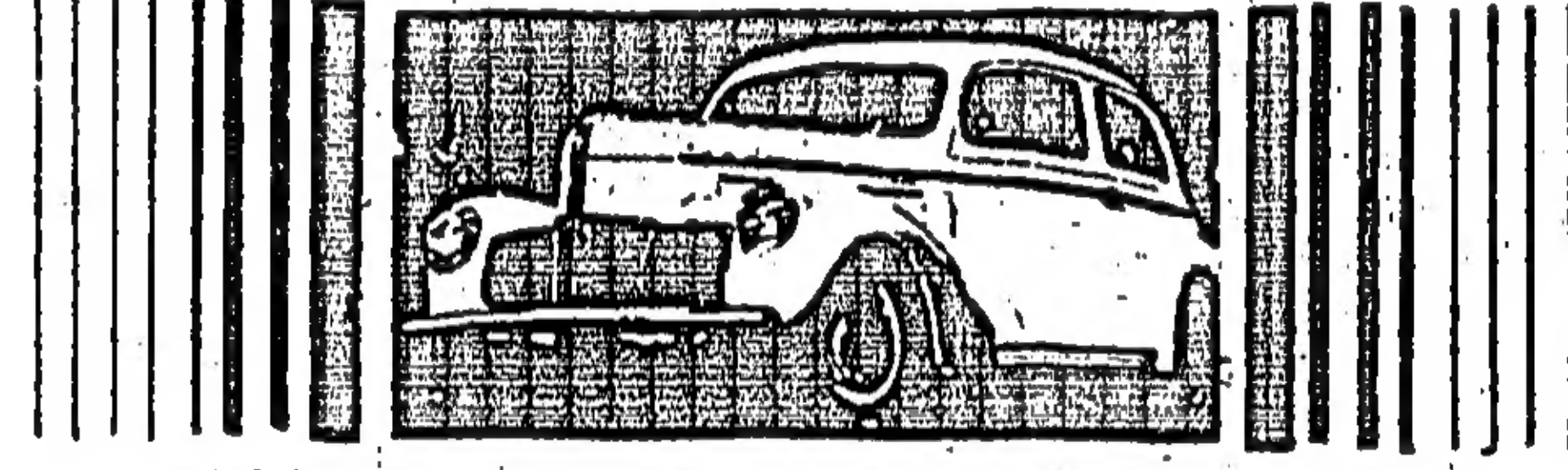
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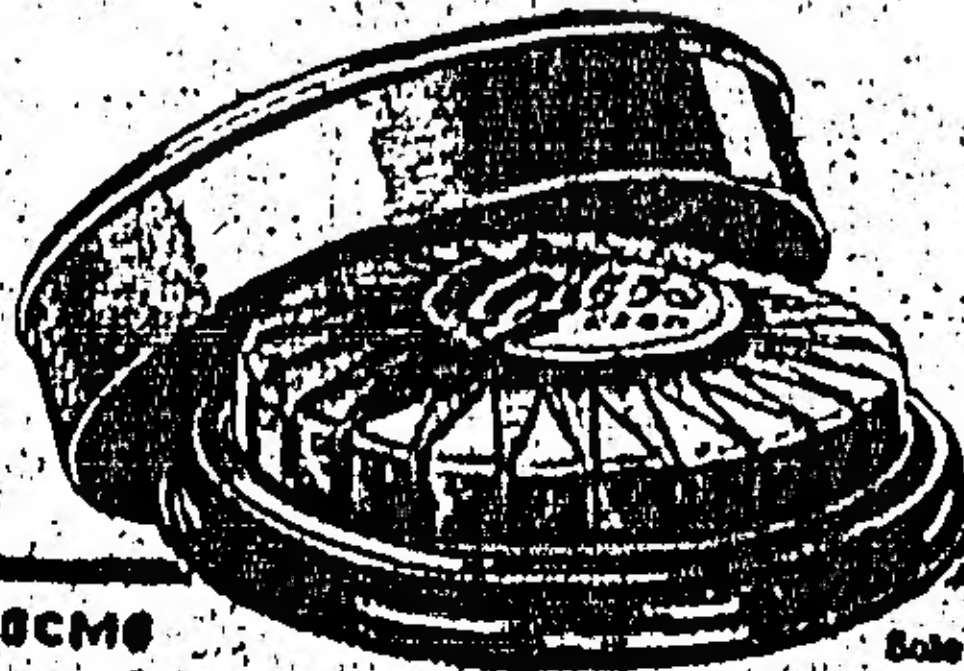
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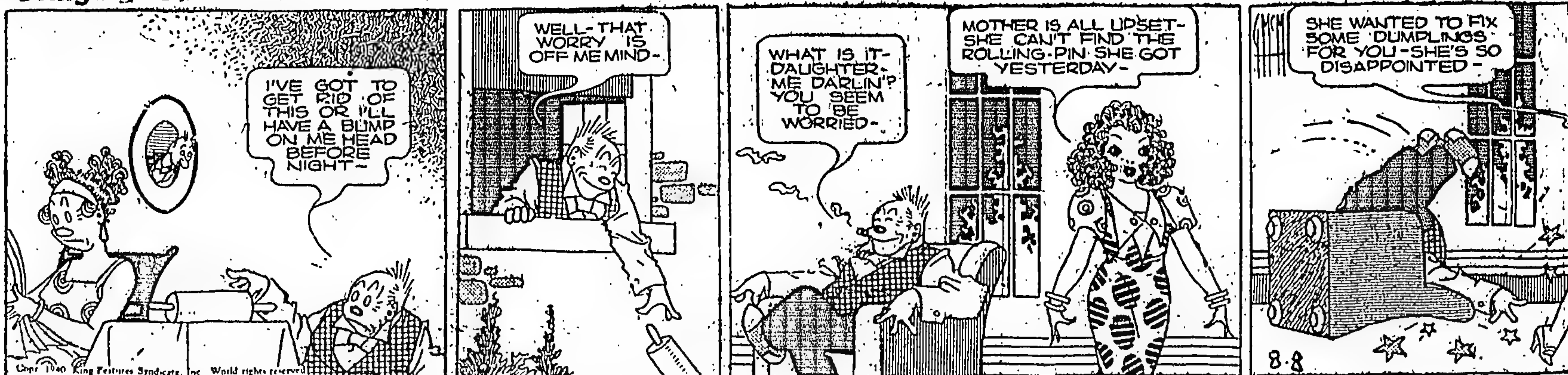
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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

A LUNCH with HOT FOOD helps Jack and Jill work with a will

by Dorothy Greig

"HURRY home at noon", Mother would tell us youngsters. "There'll be a good hot lunch waiting for you." Mother was a great believer in the powers of wholesome food to solve most problems of life. "No excuse for poor marks after that lunch", she'd say.

And she spoke more truly even than she knew. Food authorities tell us that children need a well balanced, nourishing meal at noon, preferably with some hot food. Only then can children be expected to study well. A good lunch renews their vitality and helps keep them alert for the afternoon's work.

The hot food may well be soup—nourishing, and easy to prepare. Or it can be a simple casserole. For instance:

*recipe given below

Cream of Chicken Soup*
Fruit Salad with Cream Cheese
Sandwich
Milk

Tomato Juice
Casserole of Macaroni and Cheese
Rare Carrot Sticks
Whole Wheat Bread
Baked Apple
Milk

Cream of Tomato Soup
(to condensed tomato soup add an equal quantity of milk)
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Celery Hearts
Rice Pudding
Milk

Creamed Ham and Potatoes in
Mushroom Sauce*
Jellied Carrot and Pineapple Salad
Bread and Butter
Milk

Vegetable Soup with Crackers
Sliced Egg Salad on Lettuce
Oatmeal Cookies
Milk

Cream of Chicken Soup*
(youngsters love the hint of orange in this)
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon flour
1 cup milk
1 can condensed chicken soup
1/16 teaspoon grated orange rind



Home at noon to a nourishing, high vitality lunch.

Melt the butter in a saucepan and add the flour and cook until frothy. Then add milk and the chicken soup and cook until thickened. Add the grated orange rind about five minutes before serving. Serves 3-4.

Creamed Potatoes and Ham
in Mushroom Sauce*
1 can condensed cream of

mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
2 cups potatoes, diced
1 cup ham, diced
1/16 teaspoon grated lemon rind
Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well. Then add the milk, potatoes, ham and grated lemon rind. Heat to blend the flavors. Serves 4-5.

The Dish Of The Day

Monday:—Luncheon:

Medley Salad

Mix together 1 cup diced cold meat, 1/2 cup each cooked peas, diced carrot, diced cold potato, celery (uncooked), sliced sour apple, and chopped walnuts. Mix with 1 cup mayonnaise, season well, and place in a salad bowl.

Sprinkle top with chopped chives and decorate with slices of hard-boiled eggs and hearts of lettuce cut into four.

Tuesday:—Breakfast

Bacon Omelet

Chop 2 rashers of bacon into dice and fry in its own fat until crisp. Slightly beat 2 eggs, add pepper and salt to taste and 1 tablespoon milk. Pour into pan while it is still very hot, stir until it is beginning to set, then push mixture to one side of pan in the shape of an oval cushion and allow to brown on bottom, then turn and brown top, or it may be placed under a hot grill. The secret of a good omelet is to keep it soft.

Wednesday:—Dinner:

Baked Sherried Apples

Peel and core 6 good cooking apples and stick them all over with shredded blanched almonds. Place them in a casserole dish and pour over a sauce made by bringing to the boil 1 cup brown sugar and 1/2 pint sherry. Place on tight-fitting lid, bake in a moderate oven until apples are cooked, but not broken (this will be prevented if basted now and again during the cooking). Remove the lid and baste well until apples are well glazed. Serve hot or cold with cream.

Thursday:—Dinner:

Baked Pork With Celery Forcemeat

Mix together 3 cups bread-crumbs (if dry, pour over 1

cup hot water and soak for about 15 minutes, then squeeze but), add 2 level teaspoons mixed herbs, 2 cups finely-diced celery, pepper and salt to taste, 1/2 cup melted margarine. Procure 8 pork chops, cut about 2 inches thick, and cut meat in the middle right down to the bone. Sprinkle with flour, pepper, and salt, and fry until brown on each side in a little lard or butter. Fill the cavity of each with prepared forcemeat and fasten with a toothpick. Place them in a baking tin, preferably on a grid, cover tightly, and bake in a moderate oven for about 1 hour. Serve with fried apple rings, or half an unpeeled but cored apple may be placed on each chop cut side down and baked with the meat.

Friday Luncheon: Baked

Haddock With Rice

Well grease an ovenproof dish and place a layer of boiled rice in the bottom. Cover with a layer of grated cheese, then a layer of chopped haddock. Sprinkle with pepper and lemon juice. Continue until mould is almost full. Add enough milk to come about half-way to the top of rice, cover with breadcrumbs, dot with butter, and bake in a moderate oven for about 25 minutes.

Saturday:—Dinner:

Steamed Batter Pudding With Butterscotch Sauce

Beat 3 egg-yolks and 3 des-

sertspoons sugar until very thick, add 1 teaspoon melted butter, a good pinch salt, and 1 teaspoon vanilla essence. Sift 1/2 cup plain flour and add it into egg mixture alternately with 3/4 cup milk. Beat the egg-whites until stiff and fold into mixture. Place in a well-buttered mould or basin and steam until firm for about 1 hour. Turn out very carefully and serve with the following: Place in a saucepan 3/4 cup milk, 4oz unsweetened chocolate, 6oz sugar or a little less, according to taste, 1 teaspoon butter. Stir over gas until mixture thickens, taking care it does not burn; add 1

Sunday:—Supper:

Danish Pudding

Mix together 2 heaped cups of brown or rye breadcrumbs and add 1 dessertspoon sugar. Place them in the oven (slow) until they are very dry, but not browned. Allow them to become cool, then mix them with 1 cup apricot or plum jam (the more tart the jam is the better the sweet will be), 1/2 cup chopped almonds or walnuts. Press into a round basin, chill well, and when ready to serve turn out and serve with whipped cream.

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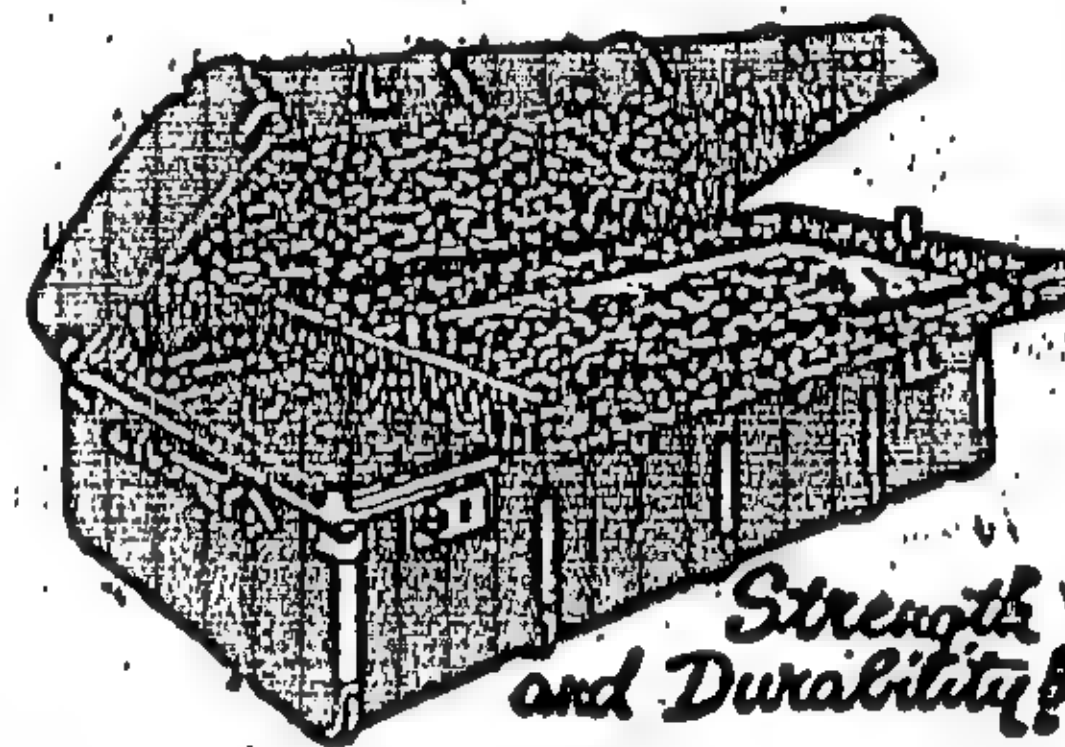
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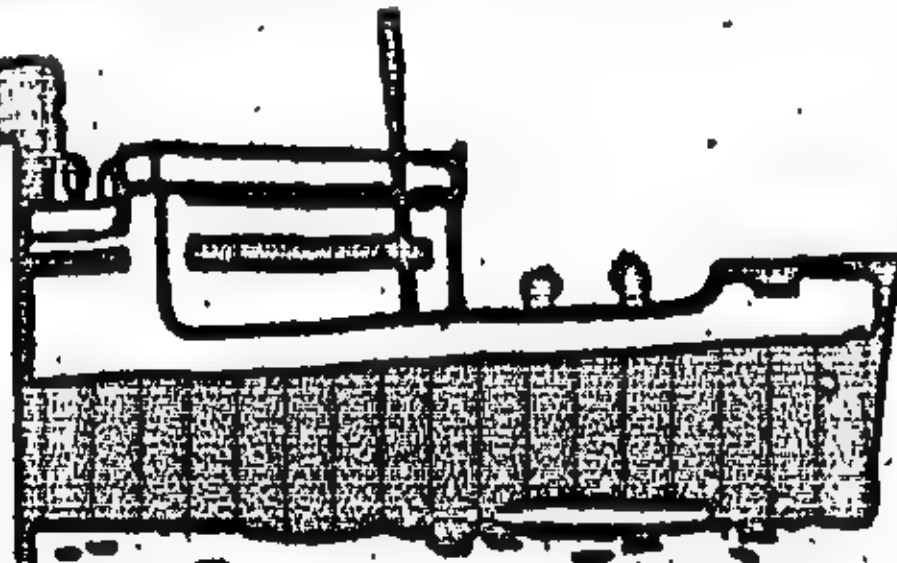
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1.02 p.m.—Sam Browne (Vocal) and Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Ronald Gourley (Piano) and "The Organ, The Dance Band and Me".

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.02 p.m.—An hour of Popular Classics.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 p.m.—Grace Moore (Soprano) and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Caroline Braga.

1. "Si Oiseau J'Etals, A Tol Je Vole" (Henselt).

2. Romance (Sibelius).

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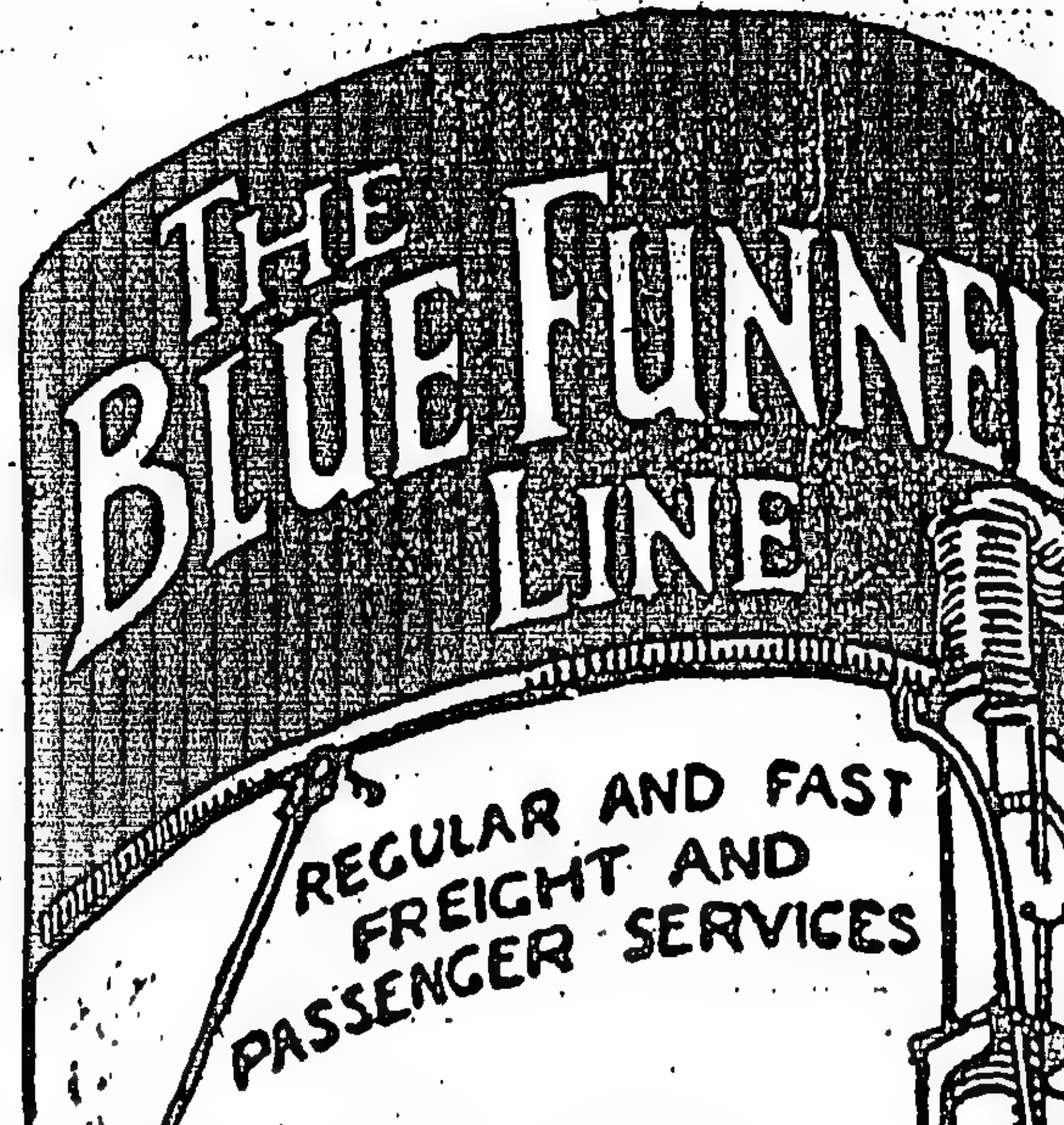
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Visitors to the special exhibition of "War Savings Campaign Posters by School Children" at Dorland Hall, Regent Street will see this for themselves in a section called "Hitler Corner."

This shows 36 posters by youthful artists between the ages of 5 and 14, illustrating Hitler's doom, with appropriate slogans urging how this may be brought about by subscribing to a School War Savings Group.

Among the posters are drawings of Hitler:—Hanged on a clothes line; crushed between nutcrackers; depicted as a Colorado beetle pest; lowered into his coffin; lying finally at rest.

The "Hitler Corner" is only one feature of the show. Over 500 War Savings posters, all by school children of five years old upwards, will be on view.

One of the contributors is 15-year-old David Placzek, a refugee from Prague, who is helping the War Savings cause—at Morpeth Grammar School.

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WASTED WASTE MAKES WIVES ANGRY

WIVES, CALLED ON to save waste, threatened with dire penalties if food is allowed to waste, promised that their old aluminium saucepans should be turned into bombers, old meat bones into glue, and so on, are turning on the instigators of the salvage scheme — for their waste of effort.

They are wondering if local authorities throughout the country have heard the call of the Minister of Supply to "Go to it." Some have, others (as Bebe Daniels would say) definitely have not.

For my inquiries over a wide area show that outside many a kitchen door good pig food, in the shape of dry crusts and left-over vegetables, has been allowed to moulder and become a trysting-place for flies and other undesirable of the insect world, simply because collection has not been organised, writes a correspondent.

Many women have told how they have been irritated to see the paper they have carefully sorted flung into the dust-cart without a thought.

But one Government Department, the Post Office, is doing well with its salvage and is taking steps to do better.

Shining Example

I made a tour of inspection in and around London. At Westminster I found the answer to the housewife's prayer, an organisation slick and thorough, pig food collected daily in trucks and by street cleaners from restaurants. The trucks are left outside blocks of flats and in streets. Housewives are able to empty in their pea shells, cabbage stalks and parings, the truck is taken to the head depot where its contents are deposited into the main truck which takes a ton of foodstuff a day to a depot supplying pig farms.

An official was proudly gloating over Westminster's latest salvage collection figures for the month. They were 272 tons of paper, 5 tons non-ferrous metal, 24 tons bottles, 1 ton bones, 57 tons ferrous metals, 5 tons textiles, 121 tons pig food. The figures are climbing month by month.

In Beckenham, Kent, I found the methods rather different. Household refuse is asked to put their kitchen waste in the front garden at the beginning of the week from where the street cleaner retrieves it, and to hand the second half of the week's lucky dip to the visiting dustmen.

In Richmond (Surrey) and in Hampstead (Middlesex) bins are

placed at strategic points—one bin to 12 houses, said a Richmond official, a statement challenged by a worried Richmond housewife, who had been tramping around, she said, in search of a spot to deposit her cabbage stalks and meat bones. From these bins the food is taken to a main depot.

Crusts Moulder

Then I reached Finchley. Clean paper and cardboard was, I was informed, collected once a week. On further investigation, I found that three sacks hooked on the back of the dustmen's truck, disgorging their overful load before their round was finished, was the only preparation.

Metal is collected "when requested." There is no collection of kitchen waste. "We only have one lot of pigs in Finchley," I was told, "and they are amply fed from a canteen."

So Finchley's crusts and parings and cabbage leaves still moulder in the dust, although I did discover one Finchley housewife who was so keen that she took her waste periodically to Hampstead's bins—by car!

SHOULD BUSES STOP IN RAIDS?

Incidents in a London suburb after the sirens had sounded may become the basis of a test case to clarify the question of operating bus services during air raids.

In this suburb, a number of buses stopped and, despite the protests of passengers, the drivers refused to go on.

In the next few days it is hoped to arrange a meeting between representatives of the Ministry of Transport, London Transport, and the Transport and General Workers' Union, at which the matter will be discussed fully.

Men's Position

"We are ready to investigate any complaints made by passengers at any time," say London Transport.

"We agree it is desirable that services should be kept working as near normal as possible," the Transport and General Workers' Union states, "but we also feel that the point of view of the men out on the road in a raid must be considered."

The Central Bus Committee of the Transport Union has given a pledge to support any member against whom disciplinary action is taken as a result of the decision to cease running.

EGGS ARE TO COST MORE

The maximum retail price of all categories of eggs except preserved ones, has been raised by 3d. per dozen by a Ministry of Food Order.

The egg price muddle is thus to be cleared up, as usual, at the consumers' expense.

The immediate object is to provide a margin for the retailer.

Under a previous system, by which the retail price alone was fixed, producers have been demanding, and getting, as much as, or even more than, the retailer was allowed to charge his customers.

In order to prevent the retailer from losing money the Order, therefore, fixes maximum wholesale prices ranging from 20s. for 120 ungraded eggs to 27s. 6d. for 120 category A. The retailer will thus have a margin of 2½d. per dozen.

ANTI-NAZI REFUGEES BULLIED

Protests and fresh stories of the muddled and unsympathetic handling of anti-Hitler refugees continue to be made.

One woman writes: "A refugee friend of mine, an active and courageous opponent of the Nazis, who came to this country after the Gestapo threatened her with immediate arrest, was recently interned in this country. Why?"

"Because her husband is serving a 15 years' sentence in a German prison, on account of anti-Hitler activities."

The police court who had her case under review decided that, notwithstanding the fact that they had no reason to distrust her, she had to be arrested, because, in view of the fact that her husband was in the hands of the Nazis, Hitler's agents might be able to press her into their service.

Risked Life

She points out that if this argument is valid, wives and relatives of British prisoners of war in Germany ought to be interned, as they are not less liable to yield to Nazi pressure than a woman who has lived under Nazi rule and risked life in the fight against it.

She also alleges that at Holloway Prison, Nazi internees are kept with anti-Nazis, whom they frequently insult. Why, she asks, are anti-Nazi militants compelled to continue to live in close touch with their most hated enemies?

Nazis it is alleged, enjoy privileges which are denied to Britain's friends.

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CRICKET NOTES

GLUT OF CENTURIES MARK OPENING OF CRICKET SEASON

Heavy Summer Rains Have Left Perfect Wickets

T. G. C. KNIGHT A FIND FOR HONG KONG C.C.

By "Adrem"

I SUPPOSE THE HEAVY RAINS THAT FELL DURING JULY AND AUGUST HAD AN INDIRECT EFFECT ON THE GLUT OF HEAVY SCORING THAT HAS MARKED THE OPENING OF THE CURRENT CRICKET SEASON.

As a general rule a complete season rarely brings more than half a dozen centuries all told and here we are now, with only two fairly complete blocks of matches played, well on to that number already.

Over the week-end, 100's were scored by G. N. Gosano and A. J. Hulse—on Saturday—Capt. D. C. E. Grose, on Sunday, while Norman Broadbridge, playing for No. 3 (M.G.) Company, of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps against University, only failed to reach the coveted three figures by a margin of six runs.

To my mind, there is little doubt that the prolonged rest that most of the grounds had, because of the Summer rainfall, is the cause. Wickets are very nice and grassy and true although a trifle on the slow side. Until we have our usual prolonged Winter drought period I think we shall continue to have high scoring.

A most remarkable match on Saturday was that between Civil Service and Recreio or should I say the Gosanos! Members of the latter family were very much in the picture, L. G. taking 7 for 6 and G. N. making 101 not out. Apart from these two performances there is little that calls for comment unless it be Fortescue's great effort to stop the Civil Service rot, and Baker's fine spell of bowling for Civil Service in his first match for some time.

Recreio Team Promising

The Civil Servants as a whole were right out of practice, this being their first game, whereas Recreio have been out about three times. Nevertheless, the King's Park side were without their skipper and were otherwise not at full strength and so their convincing win seems to indicate a good season for them, as C.S.C.C. were very strong on paper.

At Chater Road, the Craigen-gower team was very much a beginning-of-the-season outfit but, despite this, and the fact that most of the members of the opposing team had played on one or more occasions, they did quite well and I was told that if they had possessed but one decent bowler, they would have won.

One fact emerged clearly from this match—T. G. C. Knight is a definite find for Club. He bowled very useful stuff to take 4 for 20; shaped very well whilst making 15 runs and took a catch in the slips that was definitely worth writing "Home" or "to Australia" about.

Hamson, who was causing the Club attack quite a bit of trouble, snicked one past the wicket-keeper and Knight went out full length on his left side to take the ball about an inch from the ground. That savours of Owen Hughes at his best.

N. D. Booker gave another useful display with the bat, producing some nice shots and hitting hard in his 51. Club might do well to give Booker some experience in the first team. Apart from the two Club cricketers mentioned above, Dewar was the only other to impress at all, his in-swingers netting him three wickets at a cost of 28 runs.

Two Left-Handers Open

For Craigen-gower, George Souza, who has not handled a bat in the nets or in a match since last season, played some good shots in his 57, while Hamson played a typical innings of 20.

In the bowling line the Happy Valley club were not too well

served. Souza did not wish to start off too violently and so did not open and A. K. Esmail and A. K. Ismail went on first. Both were left-handers—rather unusual two left-handers opening the bowling. Esmail bowled some useful stuff and will probably be given further opportunities of proving himself but Ismail developed a strain in his side after bowling three overs and that finished him for the afternoon.

I'm afraid Craigen-gower will badly miss F. R. Zimmermann this year and until Billimoria returns from Japan, they will probably have a good deal of leather-hunting in store for them.

A good opening partnership between John Fenton and D. Chelliah and the fine all-round form of A. J. Hulse, marked the match at Pokfulam between University and Diocesan Boys' School. It may be recalled that when at school some five or six years ago, Hulse was one of the outstanding schoolboy cricketers in the Colony but on being transferred to Canton after leaving, he faded out of the picture. For the last two seasons he has played for Craigen-gower with only mediocre success but back again where he learned his cricket, he has evidently settled down to all his old form and Saturday's century and 4 for 52 will probably be the forerunner of many useful performances on the cricket field.

The University catching was bad and Hulse was put down several times but his innings, which took him only 79 minutes, was described as a hurricane affair and a very nice one to watch.

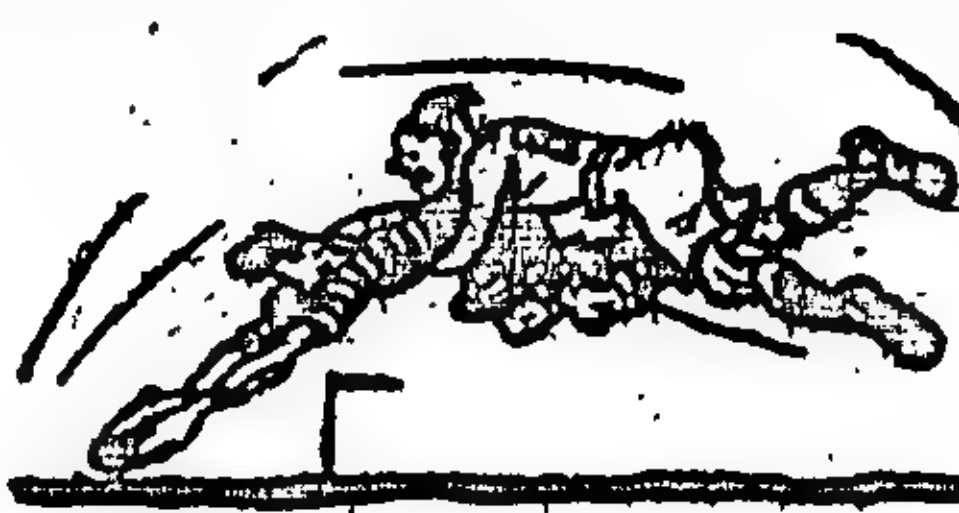
I'm afraid the match at the Valley between Police and a K.C.C. side did not produce the feats the published figures would suggest. For instance Danbrowsky—I am not picking on him, his name was specially mentioned—bowled Mills with a ball which bounced three times! He improved in taking Luke's wicket—the ball yorched his victim on the second bounce!

Scorer's Lapse

Rapley scored 36 and Anderson 24 not out for K.C.C., while I am told that Zimmermann, who was credited with 17 in the score-book would have had 25 had scorer Giffen not been "asleep" when Zimmermann scored two of his best fours and Giffen failed to record them! Birch took 4 for 12 and Luke 2 for 1 but I believe Mills, with 0 for 27 in 3 overs bowled as well as anybody in the side. Carey made 21, the only double-figure score, before being run out, while Danbrowsky suffered a similar fate when he responded to a very bad call.

Indian Recreation Club, with a much-depleted side owing to the month of Ramadan or fast, had a sorry afternoon of it against Army and had one of their worst trouncings for some years.

The importance of A. R. Minu



CARTER UPSETS CLUB "A"

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

A FINE, AGGRESSIVE DISPLAY BY CARTER AT FLY HALF ENABLED NAVY "A" TO BEAT CLUB "A" BY A GOAL AND TWO TRIES (11 PTS.) TO A TRY (3 PTS.) AFTER LEADING 6-0 AT THE INTERVAL IN THEIR RUGBY MATCH AT THE VALLEY YESTERDAY.

Club made three changes in their side, van Leeuwen, Stark and King being absentees and being replaced by Stout, Thompson and Kennedy. Navy were without Slough, Honeywell, Brewer and Hurley, and Moxham, Faulkner, Wilson and Richards were brought in to complete the side.

I have never seen Carter play better. His handling was unusually good, despite a slippery ball, he was never caught in possession, he knew the shortest way to the Club line, he tackled brilliantly and he kicked very accurately to touch with either foot. His only fault yesterday was weak passing.

McGill, the Shanghai Interporter, revealed pace on the wing and he is likely to prove a valuable acquisition to the Navy side.

Slow Heeling Pack

A slow heeling Club pack handicapped their backs to such an extent that they did not have one passing movement throughout the game. Clemo had a rough time at the base of the scrum, but came back for more every time. Morgan had one nice break through, but his handling was always unreliable. Kennedy and Heasman were the pick of the pack.

Club started off with 12 men and were 3-0 down in almost the first minute when Carter pounced on a loose ball and went over in the corner, Wilson failing with the kick. After the only real bout of passing in the game Navy again scored when McGill crossed close in, only for Carter to fail with the kick. In the second half Castleton attempted to land a penalty goal from far out but failed with a heavy ball. Soon after Carter intercepted a pass from Clemo to Morgan, punted over Thompson's head and just managed to get the touch down. Wilson easily converted and Navy led 11-0. Club then rallied well and Stewart, who had up to then not exerted himself unduly, intercepted a high pass and went over between the posts, only to fail to convert his own effort. Clemo almost broke through in the closing minutes, but Club failed to score again.

Navy: "A"—Moxham; Gracie, Wilson, Faulkner and McGill; Carter and Wilson; Inglis, Richards, Beattie; Longmuir, Jones; Taylor, Thornhill and Clark.

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AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS FETCH GOOD PRICES

GOODS PRICES WERE BID FOR THE BATCH OF AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS OFFERED FOR SALE AT THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB PADDOCK YESTERDAY, ONE OF THE ELEVEN PONIES FETCHING \$8,100 AND ANOTHER \$8,000.

Following is the full result of yesterday's sale:—

No. 2, Bay mare by Trivento out of Cirrus Queen, four years, 14.3 hands, \$1,600; No. 6, Brown mare by Dignus out of Lady Mecca, four years, 14.3 hands, \$8,100; No. 10, Grey gelding by Balkan King out of Mary Mac, four years, 14.3 hands, \$4,700; No. 15, Chestnut mare by Jim Marsh out of Songster, six years, 14.3 hands, \$2,400; No. 20, Bay mare by Kenilcost out of Lang Franc mare, six years, 14.3 hands, \$3,100; No. 26, Bay gelding by Farr out of Bounty, six years, 14.3 hands, \$8,000; No. 20, Bay mare by Linfairn out of Valtune, five years, 14.3 hands, \$3,100; No. 36, Bay mare by Parsee out of Clever Mary, four years, 14.3 hands, \$2,400; No. 40, Bay mare by Magnesia out of Infidelity, five years, 14.3 hands, \$2,800; No. 45, Bay gelding by Pacolet out of Prudence, five years, 14.3 hands, \$2,400; No. 49, Chestnut mare by Richmond Main out of Lady Biplane, four years, 14.2 hands, \$2,000.

VARSITY BADMINTON MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong University Badminton Club was held last Monday when Mr. P. K. Hooi was re-elected Chairman and Mr. S. L. Yong was elected Captain of the team for the coming season.

The following other officers were elected: Hon. Secretary, H. F. Chew; Assistant Hon. Sec. T. T. Chin; Vice-Captain, C. K. Cheah; Committee, K. S. Cha, C. W. Hooi, P. S. Bun, T. B. Teoh and K. B. Law.

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Teams For Saturday

Following are Club's teams for Saturday:

1st XV v Navy at the Valley at 4.30 p.m.:—Thompson; Stewart, Aitkenhead, Day and Bosanquet; Charter and Thomson; McCrea, Dunnett, Heasman; Gairdner, Needham; Kennedy, Hackett, and Taylor.

"A" XV v Navy "A" at the Valley at 3.15 p.m.:—Hopkins, Van Leeuwen, D. Hynes, Carruthers and Jones; Morgan and Clemo; Stout; Castleton; Lee; Stark, Davies; Thomas, Godfrey and A. N. Other.

Two changes have been made in the first fifteen. Godfrey has been dropped, and Needham has returned to the second row to allow Hackett, to go to the middle of the back row. Aitkenhead is in the centre and Charter at fly-half.

The team has been strengthened by these changes, but I would have preferred Carruthers in the centre in place of Day.

Dalziel was selected as the eighth forward in the "A" pack, but he is unavailable. I understand Rogers, who made his debut yesterday, will fill the vacancy.

MATTHEWS' FINE INNINGS

Despite to total of 206 for the loss of six wickets, to which C. N. Matthews contributed 124 not out, Arts were only able to draw with Medicals "B" at Pokfulam yesterday afternoon when the first of this year's cricket matches in the Inter-Faculty series was played. Matthews hit 24 boundaries.

The scores:

ARTS	
K. Lo, c and b Amplavanah	10
C. N. Matthews, not out	124
A. Ahmed, b Chelliah	12
Tam Kwong-yea, b N. Singh	17
E. Mazuza, b N. Singh	0
O. V. Cheung, b N. Singh	8
B. S. Chowla, b N. Singh	1
A. Ho, not out	14
Extras (B19, NB1)	20

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) 206; B. Ahmed, G. M. Derkach and Ho Wing-to did not bat.

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Amplavanah	9 0 51 1
Chelliah	11 0 73 1
N. Singh	7 0 62 4

MEDICALS "B"	
Chelliah, lbw, K. Y. Tam	20
N. Singh, c Mazuza, b Matthews	35
T. C. Pang, b K. Lo	31
Amplavanah, b K. Y. Tam	26
L. H. Tan, not out	10
L. Gutierrez, c and b K. Y. Tam	0
J. Hooi, not out	14
Extras (B15)	15

Total (for 5 wks.) 154; M. S. Khoo, T. B. Teoh, L. H. Tan, jr., and G. Schiller did not bat.

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
K. Y. Tam	6 0 36 3
K. Lo	7 0 54 1
C. N. Matthews	4 0 30 1
O. V. Cheung	3 0 12 0
E. Mazuza	1 0 5 0

I.R.C. Junior Team

The following will represent Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in a friendly cricket match against Civil Service C.C. on Saturday at Sookunpoo, at 2 p.m.:—A. H. Ismail (Capt.), A. el Arculli, O. el Arculli, T. Hamet, A. Rahmin, M. A. Wahab, A. Ebrahim, J. M. A. Ramjahn, F. A. Curreeg, M. I. Razack and O. Talip. Scorer—S. E. Bux.

WIN FOR JOSS

The R.H.K.Y.C. Sweepstake race sailed yesterday resulted as follows:—

MIXED CLASS	
	Finished Corr. Pos.
Joss	16.30.38 — 1
(Major G. E. Neve)	
La Linda	16.40.10 — 2
(Mr. H. H. Browne)	
Jean	16.40.25 — 3
(Capt. R. Lawder)	
Artemis	16.43.34 — 4
(Mr. C. C. Blake)	
Gull	16.44.45 — 5
(Capt. A. O. G. Mills)	
Alisa	16.52.11 16.51.26 G
(Capt. W. A. Ingram)	

THE Army Rugby football season kicked off with a bang on Saturday with both teams registering a win. The 1st XV defeated the Club 1st XV by 9 points to 3.

Rugby This year Army have an outstanding pack, and will want a lot of watching, especially Captain Douglas of the Royal Scots, and L/Bdr. Richards of the 8th Heavy Regt., R.A., who played a brilliant game. 2/Lt. Millar of the Royal Scots was outstanding in the lineouts. Lieut. Coombes of the Medical Corps, who is also a keen cricketer, is a good three-quarter and very fast with the ball when he gets going. Captain Douglas scored two tries and Richards the other.

The "A" team defeated the Club "A" by trouncing them to the tune of 19 points to nil. They were led by Capt. Hewitt of the Middlesex Regiment, who plays rather well in the pack, and was backed up by Cpl. Bedford of the Signals and 2/Lt. Bompas of the H.K.S.R.A. Gibblin was the pick of the three-quarters and scored two tries, the other scorers being Picton, and Ferguson. Keeble converted twice. This week the Army 1st XV will play the Police at Boundary Street, kick off 4.30 p.m.

On Monday the Middlesex second team defeated a weak Signals team by 15 points to nil. The Middies pack played a sound game with Cpl. Gilham playing an excellent game and scoring two tries. Thomson also scored two and Wilson the other; none were converted.

THE Army cricket teams were seen in action for the first time this season and did rather well to win two matches and draw the other. The 1st XI played the Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo and won by 157 runs. The I.R.C. had a weak team out and only had nine men for most of the game, but just the same I think the Army would have won.

Cricket L/Cpl. Logan made a brilliant 58 runs hitting 10 fours. Cpl. Shaw made 55 not out, hitting one six and six fours. 2/Lt. T. A. Pearce scored a fine 40, and Sgt. Danyer 32 not out.

The second XI were lucky to win by 14 runs against the I.R.C. second team. Major Swyer of the Medical Corps made the highest score with 27 runs, and 2/Lt. Ansarir made 12. The tail end of the Army team did not wag, as the saying goes.

The best game of the week-end was between the Army 1st eleven

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "Squaddy"

and the Kowloon Cricket Club played on the K.C.C. ground on Sunday. The Army batted first and scored 236 for 6 declared. Major Grose, who has just taken over the duties of Area Cricket Officer, made a brilliant 105, and was well backed by L/Cpl. Logan, who made 44, and Sgt. Webb, 42. The Club replied with 230 for seven, and were unlucky to have had to withdraw owing to the light. I think that they would have won since only 7 runs were needed to win.

The Royal Scots were beaten, by the Kowloon second XI in a friendly, by 3 wickets last Saturday. Major Godley was the highest scorer with 19 runs, Pte. Bateman 13, Cpl. Alsey 11, and Pte. Peacock 16. The Scots were all out for 87 and the Club made 114. Emmerson of the Royals took four wickets for 13 runs, and he started off well with three wickets for only two runs in his first two overs.

The R.A.P.C. defeated the Signals by 35 runs last Saturday. Neither side played brilliant cricket, and the Pay Corps were very lucky to win. The Signals should have had them all out for less than 20, but owing to the bad fielding by the Sigs and many catches being dropped, the Signals deserved to lose. Cpl. Ingelby took 4 wickets for 13 runs, and Taylor 6 for 12. Dixon took 8 for 27, and Cpl. Blount 2 for 20 for the Signals. To-day the Signals will play the Service Corps at Sookunpoo, game commencing at 2 p.m.

THE Departmental Corps League Shield games are now under way, and last week brought us the following results:—R.A.S.C.

Hockey lost to the H.K. Signal Coy by 3 goals to nil. Holland scoring twice and Price once. The R.A.O.C. lost to the Royal Air Force to the tune of 7 goals to 2, and the

R.A.M.C. beat their old rivals, the Combined Military Hospital, by 2 goals to 1. On Monday the H.K. Signal Coy defeated the R.A.M.C. by 1 goal to nil in their second game, Cpl. Blount scoring the goal. At Shamshulpo, on Sunday, the Middlesex Regiment's Band played the 5th/7th Rajputs Band and defeated them by 6 goals to 1. It was a good clean game, and very fast. L/Cpl. Geary, the Middies' Captain played an excellent game in the defence.

THE Softball season opened last week-end, and the Sappers were given a surprise by Royal Air Force, who beat them 12-11.

Softball The Sappers were rather shaken by their defeat, and I think that the Airmen will go a long way in the League this year. The Royal Scots, who are making their debut at Softball this season, were beaten after a good game by the Cosmopolitans,

10-18. The 8th Heavy Regt. were defeated heavily by the Liga Portuguesa Club, 16-0.

BOTH the service teams in Senior Division will have to play much better football in the future if they hope to finish in the top half of the Association League. The Middlesex are not doing so well with only three points out of eight, and the Royal Scots have secured four points out of eight. The Sappers in Second Division are still holding their 100 per cent. record and have a good goal average with 31 goals for and 4 against. The Service Corps are a close second having dropped one point. The Royal Air Force have also got a 100 per cent. record and they beat the Sappers second team last Saturday 3-1.

Football The Garrison Billiards will soon be getting under way and so far the following teams have entered for the Competition. 7th A.A. Bty. R.A., R.A. M.C., R.A.S.C., R.A.P.C., Corps of Military Police, and the 20th Heavy Bty., R.A. The Royal Scots have not yet entered but I know that they are getting a team together for this competition.

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POPPY DAY SOCCER TEAM

At the Management Committee meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night it was decided that the Annual Charity match on Armistice Day between United Services and Rest of Colony be held on Club ground on November 11, at 4 p.m.

The game is to be of 90 minutes' duration.

Prior to this game the Annual football match between Referees and the Press will be played.

The following have been chosen to represent the Rest:—

Cheung Wing-chol (Sing Tao); Blackburn (Police) and Lee Ting-sang (Sing Tao); Pope (Police), Williamson (Kowloon) and Hsu King-seng (Eastern); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern), Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao) (Capt.), Chan Tak-fai (South China), Lee Wai-tong (South China) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—D. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Tsang Chung-wan (South China), Fowler (Club), Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao), Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern), Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) and Howlett (Police). Manager:—Mr. R. M. Omar.

Fraser of Royal Scots was suspended indefinitely by the Emergency Committee for violent conduct off the field of play against a referee after the Second Division game between Royal Scots and Klt Chee, and Chan Kwong-ye of Police was sentenced till November 20 for foul play during the First Division game between Police and St. Joseph's last Sunday.

INTERNATIONAL XI

The following will represent International Athletic Club against Amateur Sporting Association in Third Division of the Football League on Saturday on the Chatham Road ground at 4.30 p.m.:

S. Bux; V. M. Marques and D. d'Aquino; W. Wilkinson, J.A. Rumbahn and J. Tavares; H. Campos, R. Rocha, F. W. Iley, A. Leonard and W. Sprinkle (Capt.). Reserves, A. Rocha, I. Castilho, U. B. Souza and A. Elarte.

BLACKMAILING LEVER

Strength Of French Air Force In Africa

TRYING TO KEEP U.S. OUT

Yet another reason for the Hitler-Laval meeting, namely, that it is part of a great Axis political offensive to prevent American entry into the war, comes from Berlin, according to Reuter's Zurich correspondent cabling last night.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" states that Germany is most anxious to put American intervention right out of the question before the Presidential election.

Newspapers in Germany, says the correspondent, are bringing Spain into the same picture.

They speculate that if France could be induced to fight on Germany's side, Spain could no longer keep out.—Reuter.

GIFTS FOR PLANES

MORE GIFTS FOR PLANES CONTINUE TO REACH BRITAIN.

The Madras Governor's War Fund has sent £15,000 to buy three "Spitfires," while the North-West Frontier Provinces Fund has now passed the £10,500 mark.

The name "Gibraltar" is to be given to a "Spitfire" subscribed for by British residents of The Rock.—Reuter.

Attempt To Force Petain To Toe Line

THE PRESENT EFFECTIVE strength of the French air force in North Africa is believed to amount to no more than 500 modern planes.

Other aircraft of this air fleet which, according to one estimate, was originally 1,200 strong are thought to be now obsolete.

Most of the planes are based in Morocco. Reserves and spares are lacking.

Yesterday's Berne report that France's North African Air Force figured in the demands reported to have been made recently on the Vichy Government is interesting in light of these estimates.

They may give a clue to the methods by which the Axis powers had hoped to get Marshal Petain finally to toe the line.

It is possible that the fate of the French Air Force in North Africa was raised as an additional blackmailing lever to obtain the "co-operation" of France's Mediterranean fleet which Germany and Italy must covet far more than a few hundred planes.

Vichy's Choice

The Vichy Government may have been faced with the choice of using this air force and navy against Britain or turning both over to the Axis.

The statement made in August that the Petain Government were or had been handing over to the Axis the 800 aircraft from North Africa is not believed.

Probably not more than 150 were in fact flown over to Marseilles.—Reuter.

DE VALERA OFFER TO BRITAIN

It was Mr. de Valera who suggested to the British Government that mothers and children from the bombed areas should be given sanctuary in Eire, Reuter understands.

He was moved to do this by feelings of distress at the sinking of the liner "City of Benares," with a loss of 79 children on their way to Canada.

When news came of this tragedy, Mr. de Valera put the suggestion before his Ministers so that arrangements might be made as soon as possible by the British Government.—Reuter.

HITLER'S HIGH-PRESSURE POLITICAL OFFENSIVE

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to the Belgian frontier and the Somme.

Proposals Rejected

These proposals were submitted to the Vichy Government and examined at a special meeting of the Council and following an agitated discussion, were rejected by a majority. Marshal Petain and General Weygand, supported by several other Ministers, spoke against acceptance. What decided the issue, state the Swiss newspapers, was the consideration that the Vichy Government could not prevent the French colonies from declaring for de Gaulle should the proposals be accepted.

Three In Favour

Laval, Baudoin and Admiral Darlan, it is stated, supported acceptance of the demands.

Following the rejection of the demands, says the "Volksrecht," of Zurich, M. Laval went to Paris again when he began fresh negotiations.

The "Volksrecht's" correspondent declares: "It is believed that these events were the reason for Mr. Churchill's broadcast on Monday to the French people."

It is declared that the opposition between Marshal Petain and M. Laval has become more acute and it is believed that M. Laval has been obliged to conduct his negotiations with Hitler and Ribbentrop on a new basis.

Weygand's Tour

In these circumstances, great importance is attached to General Weygand's journey to North Africa, with which may be connected the official Vichy statement that France intends to defend her Empire against every eventual aggressor.

The American authorities in Vichy, according to this corres-

STOP PRESS

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

The news that Hitler and Ribbentrop have arrived at the Franco-Spanish frontier and are conferring with General Franco and Senor Suner has created no surprise in London, where it is regarded as indicative of Germany's resort to her characteristic method of diplomatic blackmail.

The German desire to discuss political matters with Suner during the latter's recent visit to Berlin was ill-conceived, and when Suner adhered to his curriculum, which allowed him only to discuss and examine the inner workings of the Nazi system and precluded him from making any political commitment on behalf of his Government, German annoyance must have been considerable.

The desire for such discussions—whose object would clearly be to bring Spain more closely into line with the Axis policy—remains and is evidenced by the latest "dramatic" move.

Hitler may think that by direct personal contact with General Franco he will be able to brush aside the difficulties which have hitherto faced his henchmen.

He may calculate that General Franco, flattered by his visit, will be tempted into departing from the policy of non-involvement which have hitherto been adopted as the best suited to the real interests of Spain.

To achieve this end, Hitler has departed from his customary dictatorial practice of summoning other statesmen to his presence and risked a set-back to his dignity should anything short of complete success result from his lengthy journey.—Reuter.

pendent, have advised all Americans to leave France.

Laval For Vichy

It is reported from Vichy, according to the German News Agency in Berlin, that M. Pierre Laval, Vice-Premier in the Petain Government, is now en route there from Paris. He was to report to Marshal Petain immediately on his arrival.—Reuter.

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FRENCH SCOFF AT IDEA

Well-informed French circles in Washington scoff at the idea that France can be persuaded to fight her old Ally, Britain.

These sources state that even if Laval were willing, it is most doubtful if Marshal Petain could be persuaded, and there is little likelihood either that he could persuade the French people to take up arms against England.

In other well-informed Washington quarters, it is declared that the suggestion was made to the French authorities many weeks ago as the price for the return of the Government to Paris, but was rejected.

General belief in Washington diplomatic circles is that France will not enter the war on the Axis side.

Many believe that if the Ger-

German Aim

mans pushed Laval too far in this direction the Vichy administration would collapse and it would be very difficult for the Germans to put up any French substitute.

RUMANIA ARRESTS POLISH EMBASSY STAFF

All members of the Polish Embassy in Rumania, with the exception of the Ambassador, have been arrested, the German radio asserts.—Reuter.

U.S. PROTEST TO ITALY

THE UNITED STATES HAS FORMALLY PROTESTED TO ITALY AGAINST THE BOMBING OF AMERICAN OIL PROPERTIES IN SAUDI ARABIA.

The Assistant Secretary of State delivered the protest yesterday to the Italian Ambassador.

The protest did not apply to the bombing of American properties on the island of Bahrain.—Reuter.

Some reliable circles suggest that one of the chief purposes and aims of the German attempts to secure some form of French co-operation is to secure the demobilisation of the considerable French armies still fully mobilised and on a war footing in North Africa.—Reuter.

Laval Talks Over: Now Conferring With Franco

EVENTS APPEAR TO BE SHAPING THEMSELVES FOR DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE. HITLER, PAUSING BEFORE RUSSIA'S SCARCELY DISGUISED HOSTILITY TO HIS SCHEME IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE, HAS TURNED AGAIN TO THE WEST AND A HIGH-PRESSURE POLITICAL OFFENSIVE, INVOLVING FRANCE AND SPAIN, HAS BEGUN.

As soon as Hitler completed his talks with M. Laval, who has probably, by this time, returned to Paris, he proceeded to the Spanish frontier, accompanied by Von Ribbentrop, there to meet General Franco and Senor Suner.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," Hitler's campaign means that, for Germany's success "events must take place before the American presidential election that will definitely exclude and render America's participation in the war impossible."

News of Hitler's meeting with General Franco was conveyed by the German wireless, which announced that Hitler and Franco, accompanied by Ribbentrop and Suner, had arrived at the Franco-Spanish frontier and "may be conferring there."

Nothing more definite on the final aim of Hitler is forthcoming, but speculation is inevitably centred on what pressures Germany is prepared to exert against Franco to persuade him to enter the war on the side of the Axis and invest Gibraltar or permit German troops to pass through Spain to attack Gibraltar.

French Terms

The position in France is no clearer.

Swiss papers state that the Axis Powers recently laid the following proposals before the Vichy Government.

Firstly, France to hand over Alsace-Lorraine to Germany and Nice to Italy.

Secondly, Tunisia to be divided between France and Italy: Algeria to remain French.

Thirdly, France to hand part of northern Morocco to Spain.

Fourthly, the remaining French colonies to be jointly administered and exploited by France, Germany and Italy.

Fifthly, France to hand Indo-China to Japan.

dependence of Manchukuo; and "Fourthly, Japanese concessions to be established in all ports."—Reuter.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

ADMIRAL MUSELLIER, COMMANDER OF THE FREE FRENCH NAVAL FORCES, HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN HIS ABSENCE BY A MILITARY TRIBUNAL IN TOULON.

The charges against him were "attempts against the safety of the state, provocation of insurrection, and insubordination." He is also sentenced to military degradation.—Reuter.

JAPAN TO SEEK TERMS WITH CHUNGKING?

THE JAPANESE ARE APPARENTLY AGAIN MAKING A STRONG BID TO PERSUADE GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK TO COME TO TERMS WITH THEM, SAYS THE PEIPING CORRESPONDENT OF THE USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SHANGHAI NEWSPAPER "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

He said:—

This "is said to be entirely due to the ease with which the Japanese have been able to seize Indo-China, which surprised Tokyo itself."

"As a result, the prestige of the Navy party was enormously enhanced, as this party has always asserted that Japan's 'Place in the Sun' was in Southern Asia and looked very jealously on the China adventure."

"It brought round many political leaders in Japan to the view that the Navy's southwards policy is, after all, the better one, and, with the help of some skilful diplomacy, a safer proposition

than the Army's continued sterile, costly attempts to overthrow Chiang Kai-shek."

"The terms offered to Chungking are said to include:

"Firstly, the Yangtze area to be demilitarised;

"Secondly, the five provinces of North China to form an autonomous state under Chinese suzerainty, but Japan to have complete and sole economic control;

"Thirdly, recognition of the in-



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INVASION DANGER NOT PAST

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Tremendous Havoc By Royal Air Force

THE INVASION DANGER IS NOT CONSIDERED PAST IN LONDON AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS ALTHOUGH THE DAMAGE DONE TO ENEMY PREPARATIONS ALONG 2,000 MILES OF INVASION COAST FROM NARVIK TO BORDEAUX IN THE LAST SIX WEEKS HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS.

Along the Dutch, Belgian and French coasts, docks, barracks, aerodromes, power stations, railways and naval arsenals have been wrecked by the Royal Air Force.

It was revealed last night that at Dunkirk, the quays between two of the main docks and several buildings have been levelled to the ground.

At Brest, the attacks on arsenals and aerodromes have been equally successful. At Calais, buildings at the south-east end of the dry-dock have been destroyed by fire, the east side of the dock damaged, and the lock between the inner basin and the navigation port have suffered considerably.

According to one report, the electricity works are nearly completely destroyed.

At Lorient, buildings on the jetty have been directly hit and damage done to the torpedo boat station. Many casualties were caused among the German troops stationed there when nearby barracks were hit.

Ships Sunk

Outside the harbour, mines laid by British planes have sunk several ships. There is every reason to believe that the courage and determination of the R.A.F. pilots attacking the invasion bases has done much to undermine the confidence of the enemy.

Enemy concentrations of men and material have been bombed incessantly since September 5 and from every source evidence has been forthcoming of heavy damage inflicted on the foe.—Reuter.

Cherbourg Shock

It is now clear that the naval bombardment and air attack on Cherbourg a few days ago took the enemy by surprise.

It appears the shore defences mistook the naval bombardment for part of the air attack for the only response to the fire from the British ships was marked intensification of A.A. fire of all types.

It was not until after the bombardment ceased and the British force had withdrawn that the enemy's heavy batteries replied to the naval guns.

The threat of invasion still persists and will persist as long as naval units, barges, troops and air forces are concentrated along the extensive coastline of the enemy occupied countries.

They are still there and while they remain, the "invasion" ports will doubtless continue to be battered by bombers of R.A.F. whenever it is considered necessary.—British Wireless.

TWO DIE IN LAKELAND TRAGEDY

Keswick police discovered the bodies of Patrick Stubbs (35), railway clerk, and Francis Stubbs (30), schoolteacher, both of Linden Grove, West Hartlepool, who were missed after they left to climb Great Gable.

They were discovered in Sour Milk Ghyll, about halfway down the mountain.

They had fallen about 100 feet, and had received fractures of the skull.

Doctor Missing

Dr. William Hamilton, of Roan Head, Edinburgh, has disappeared.

KING CAROL IN HOUSE CUSTODY

King Carol and Madame Lupescu are being kept under surveillance by the Spanish police, according to reports reaching New York.

Reports that they have been arrested are not confirmed, but it is stated that they have been moved to new quarters at a greater distance from the Portuguese frontier.

According to other reports, the extradition of the King and his favourite may be sought by the Rumanian authorities on charges arising from the death of Codreanu, former chief of the Iron Guard, during the Carol regime.—Reuter.

King Carol is reported to be staying at a hotel in Seville, says a Madrid message, and to be enjoying freedom—at least, inside the hotel, although he is "under vigilance."

Earlier reports said that he and Madame Lupescu had been taken from Seville to Granada.—Reuter.

WILL MR. KENNEDY RETURN?

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, American Ambassador in London, left England yesterday by air for the United States.

Reports to the effect he would resign his appointment on his return home have appeared for some time in the Press accompanied by expressions of the keenest regret because Mr. Kennedy, his wife and his family, have made themselves well liked in London during the three years of his Ambassadorship.—British Wireless.

Mr. Hull Silent

Disclaiming any knowledge of Ambassador Kennedy's plans, Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, told his press conference yesterday that "as far as I know," the Ambassador will be returning to his post in London.—Reuter.

ed while mountaineering in the Cairngorms, near Aviemore, Scotland.

Dr. Hamilton, who was holidaying with his wife and family, left his hotel in the Aviemore in the morning.

Search parties have searched the district without success.

D.E.I. OIL PARLEY

Both Britain and the United States have been kept fully informed of the negotiations going on in Batavia, Mr. Harold Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said in reply to questions in the House of Commons yesterday about oil supplies to Japan from the Netherlands East Indies.

No decision has yet been reached, he said, and the Government would continue to be kept informed of the progress of the discussions.

Any arrangements for the future rest entirely with the N.E.I. Government.

Asked whether strong representations will be made concerning the negotiations, Mr. Butler said that there is complete co-operation between the Governments concerned.—Reuter.

PRINCE VON STARHEMBERG IN AIR FORCE

Prince Von Starhemberg, former Austrian Vice-Chancellor, is now a lieutenant in the Free French Air Force, with pay and allowances of £1.4s. 11d. per day.

This was revealed by Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, when questioned on the subject in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

GERMAN SCHELDT DISASTER

More rumours are circulating about the failure of German attempts to land in Britain, says the Zurich newspaper "Volksrecht."

According to one report, barges for transporting troops were assembled at the mouths of the Scheldt and Rhine in September. Some of the troops destined for the invasion are said to have shown "little desire" to allow themselves to be embarked for these rides to heaven.

British bombers—so the rumour goes—dropped thousands of incendiary bombs, containing special inflammatory mixture, on the barges.

On reaching the water, the bombs are said to have made the rivers round the barges, a sea of flame.

Many German soldiers, it is declared, suffered terrible burns and are now in hospitals in occupied territory.

The "Volksrecht's" correspondent says that the Dutch public firmly believes this story and refers to "eye-witness evidence" in connection with it.—Reuter.

SCALE OF INVASION PREPARATIONS REVEALED

DETAILS OF HITLER'S preparations for the invasion of England were officially disclosed last night in London.

The Air Ministry News Service points out that only part of the story can as yet be told but this part shows that from the first day that the enemy concentrated his forces in every available port and harbour, the Royal Air Force carried out reconnaissances.

In the early days of September, the reports these aircraft brought back showed only small concentrations of men and material but as time passed it became more and more imposing and, before long, hundreds of barges and other war materials were assembled at Antwerp, Calais, Dunkirk and Ostend.

Many barges were observed from the air daily to be moving slowly from one canal to another. Small warships were also moved near the barges.

These barges were self-propelled, over 150 feet in length and each capable of carrying about two trainloads of men or material.

It was also known that Germany had commandeered every available barge over 500 tons and armies of workmen were employed in shipyards altering the bows of these vessels to enable tanks to be easily carried and disembarked.

Besides concentrations of barges there were also submarines in many harbours—some of ocean-going type—large motor-vessels, tugs and merchant ships.

Forty-five merchant ships were reported at Le Havre on one occasion.

Inland aircraft shelters were being built on many aerodromes from where it was expected enemy aircraft would assist in the invasion.

Railways, too, were particularly busy especially between Germany and the Low Countries.

R.A.F. Offensive

It was on September 5, that the strong R.A.F. offensive against the enemy began. Each invasion base, in turn, came in for heavy bombardment. Naval docks, shipbuilding yards at Kiel, Hamburg and Bremen were bombed as well and extensive damage also done to occupied ports along the Dutch-Belgium coasts.

The Air Ministry News Service emphasises that until lately it would have been extremely unwise to let the enemy know how much we knew of his preparations or of the effect on them of R.A.F. hammering.—Reuter.

BRITISH EXPORT TRADE KEPT HIGH

DESPITE INTENSIFICATION of enemy activity, exports of United Kingdom goods were fully maintained in September.

This was the most notable feature of the latest trade returns which were issued to-day in London.

The average value of exports per working day in September actually exceeded the corresponding figure for August. Total exports of United Kingdom goods in September amounted to £31,000,000 which substantially exceeded the total of £23,000,000 in September, 1939.

After a year of war, overseas trade figures testify to the success of the British Export Council's efforts to find and develop alternative markets in view of prevailing European conditions. During the six months ended August 31 last, the United King-

STALIN AT THE THEATRE

Stalin made his first appearance yesterday since last August when, with M. Molotov and other officials, he attended a theatre-festival performance.—Reuter.

H. G. Wells Arouses The Ire Of Lord Winterton

Dangerous Man On A Lecture Tour

"I think it is dangerous to allow a man of this type to go to America," declared Lord Winterton in the House of Commons yesterday when in a lengthy attack on Mr. H. G. Wells, he questioned the propriety of Mr. Wells being granted an exit permit in order to carry on a lecture tour in the United States.

Lord Winterton referred to Mr. Wells's reference to Lord Halifax as the "quintessence of everything an Englishman should not be" and Mr. Wells's description of Lord Gort as "our praying general."

He added "I happen to be an extensive reader of Addison, Steel, and Pope. I can imagine one of them saying of this attack. Sir, these are indecent words, nay, they are worse, they are blackguardly."

Mr. Wells, continued Lord Winterton, had for years been attacking our religion and constitution. Here Lord Winterton referred to an occasion when he (Lord Winterton) was present at a lunch in America at a meeting of an inter-governmental committee.

"There were present the Governor of New York State, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Eastern States, the Mayor of New York—himself a devout Catholic—representatives of the Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church and the Jewish religion. I was struck with the fact that throughout very eloquent speeches there rang a strong feeling of unity of different faiths and yet we allow Mr. Wells to go to the United States as representative of Britain and British literature—a man who prides himself as being an opponent of all religions—and who says there is no such thing."

Lord Winterton added: "There is another and more sinister explanation of Mr. Wells' conduct. France was not only betrayed by her Laval and other traitors of the Right or Communists of the Left."

Sixth Columnists

"There was another class of sixth columnists who for years past had tried to shape the fate of Frenchmen in all the spiritual and material institutions of France. These people, like Mr. Wells, professed hatred of Nazism and they abused and insulted their fellow countrymen. Like Mr. Wells, they believed in nothing and nobody."

Captain O. Peake, Under-Secretary at the Home Office, declared that the grant of an exit permit did not give any sort of official standing or status.—Reuter.

A Fatal Idea

Replying to the criticisms the Under-Secretary at the Home Office said he thought it would be fatal if the idea got about in the United States that the British Government were only going to permit to proceed to that country those whose views were favourable to the Government in office in Britain.

He had no doubt Mr. Wells was a perfectly patriotic Englishman and they must leave it to the good sense of the American public to accept for themselves the value of the views of Mr. Wells in political and other questions.—British Wireless.

MILITARY TRAINING FOR COMMUNISTS

Moscow radio announce that members of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union will receive military training in special units being formed by local party organisations.—Reuter.

JAPANESE LEGATION IN AUSTRALIA

A JAPANESE LEGATION IS SOON TO BE ESTABLISHED IN AUSTRALIA. SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, SAYS A JAPANESE REPORT FROM TOKYO.

A special committee of the Privy Council yesterday morning started deliberations on the establishment of a South Seas Affairs Bureau, in the Foreign Office and the opening of the Legation in Australia.—Reuter.

ALL FRONTS QUIET

"Quiet on all fronts" is the laconic communique issued in Cairo yesterday by British G.H.Q.—Reuter.

JAPAN SURPRISED BY ANGLO-U.S. FIRMNESS

THAT THE JAPANESE Government has been surprised by the firmness of British and American policy regarding the Burma Road, is the view expressed in London yesterday by the "Daily Telegraph" which says reactions in Japan have been contradictory.

There was a retreat from the first position that the opening of the Road would cause war to semi-official announcements that the matter must not be treated as a vital issue and that the Road was of little importance since Japan had obtained Vichy bases for communications in French Indo-China.

More danger signals have since reached Tokyo and Government is making efforts to persuade the Japanese that they must not be alarmed by the recall of American citizens from the Far East.

The British Embassy in Tokyo has now given similar advice to British nationals.

Arrangements for the evacuation of Americans are under way.

Such, says the "Daily Telegraph" is the confused background to the bombing of the Road.

Japanese Zig-Zags

Two inferences may fairly be drawn: The Japanese Government has been surprised by the firmness of British and American policy and its own has made zig-zags under pressure of different influences—militaristic and national.

The decisive factor may well be the enormous resources of man-power with the capacity for unceasing toil which the Chinese Government commands.

Japan undertook to conquer China by aircraft and mechanisation against a huge disparity in population. The Chinese are unbowed in unity and by that sheer human strength may swallow Japanese invasion as they have many others in their immortal past.—Reuter.

KOBAYASHI RECALLED

Mr. Kobayashi, Minister of Commerce, and Japanese special envoy to the Batavia parleys, sailed from Sourabaya yesterday for Japan.—Reuter.

BURMA ROAD NOT AFFECTED

Traffic on the Burma Road has not been affected by Japanese air attacks, according to information received in Chungking.

Only minor damage has been caused to the road.

The possibility of armed escort for the convoys of lorries on the road is being discussed.

With the interruption of the mail service between Yunnan and Indo-China, the Chinese Post Office is establishing a thorough mail service between China and Burma with headquarters at Lashio, Burma.

All international mails to and from China will be taken by the Burma Road in future.—Reuter.

JAPANESE VIGILANCE

Vigilance in the Japanese controlled areas in Shanghai has not yet been relaxed.

Hongkew, Nantao, Chapei and the western district are barricaded with barbed-wire entanglements. Only narrow passages are

RAILWAY INCREASE RELIEF

Worker ticket and season ticket holders are to escape the six per cent. increase of existing railway fares, which comes into force on December 1.

Colonel Moore-Brabazon, the Minister of Transport, announced this Government decision in the House of Commons yesterday.

There will also be no increase on the London Passenger Transport Board system, except the coach service.

The burden of the higher charges will fall on the casual travellers. It is recalled that the charges were increased by ten per cent. last January.—Reuter.

DEFENCE OF U.S.A.

"THE DEFENCE OF THE UNITED STATES INVOLVES THE ABILITY TO REPEL ATTACK AGAINST OR AN ATTEMPTED INVASION OF ANY PART OF THE NEW WORLD," DECLARED MR. SUMNER WELLES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, IN AN ADDRESS AT BALTIMORE YESTERDAY.

"Recent years," he went on, "have made it more clear than ever that the Panama Canal cannot be rendered secure nor our own territory regarded as safe from invasion by air unless the territory of our neighbours to the south is equally secure, and that cannot be achieved without the loyal friendship of other American Powers."

"There never was such a time when hemisphere solidarity was such a reality."—Reuter.

left for pedestrians and vehicles to pass.

Barricades were erected yesterday in Avenue Haig adjoining Avenue Joffre in the French Concession.—Central News.

BRITAIN OFFERS MEDICAL STORES TO FRANCE

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is prepared to facilitate the importation into France and other occupied territories of medical stores destined essentially and exclusively for the assistance of the sick and wounded.

This has been made clear in a communication recently despatched by the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London to the International Red Cross in Geneva.

It also gives the answer to the open letter to the Prime Minister, published in the "New York Times," and signed by James Wood Johnson, ex-president of the American Volunteer Ambulance Corps in France, pointing out the danger of epidemics and disease in France this winter and saying it is possible to mitigate this danger without in any way relaxing the total blockade of enemy-controlled territory.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare's communication states that the British Government are prepared, in accordance with the recognised principles of international law, to facilitate the importation of medical supplies destined essentially and exclusively for the assistance of the sick and wounded, excluding substances which are capable of medical use but are not exclusively medical in character, such as foodstuffs and food extracts, clothing, blankets, fuel and household requirements.—Reuter.

BERLIN'S EVACUATION

Arrangements have been made for 75 special trains to take children from Berlin under the German Government's voluntary evacuation scheme, states the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper, "Afton Bladet."

Berlin is the city, according to General Goering, immune from hostile air attack.—Reuter.

MINESWEEPER SUNK BY A MINE

An Admiralty announcement issued last night states that the minesweeper "Dundalk" under the command of Lieut. Commander F. A. Kirkpatrick, has been sunk by an enemy mine. The next of kin have been informed.—Reuter.

PREMIER IN SCOTLAND

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by Mrs. Churchill, paid a surprise visit on Tuesday to East Scotland for the purpose of inspecting the coast defences.

Accompanied by a number of British and Polish army officers, Mr. Churchill made an extensive tour on foot, by car, and by special train and expressed satisfaction with all the preparations he saw.—Reuter.

QUAKES IN BALKANS

MORE REPORTS OF EARTHQUAKES ARE COMING IN FROM EASTERN EUROPE.

According to the Bucharest press, many persons were seriously injured on Tuesday.

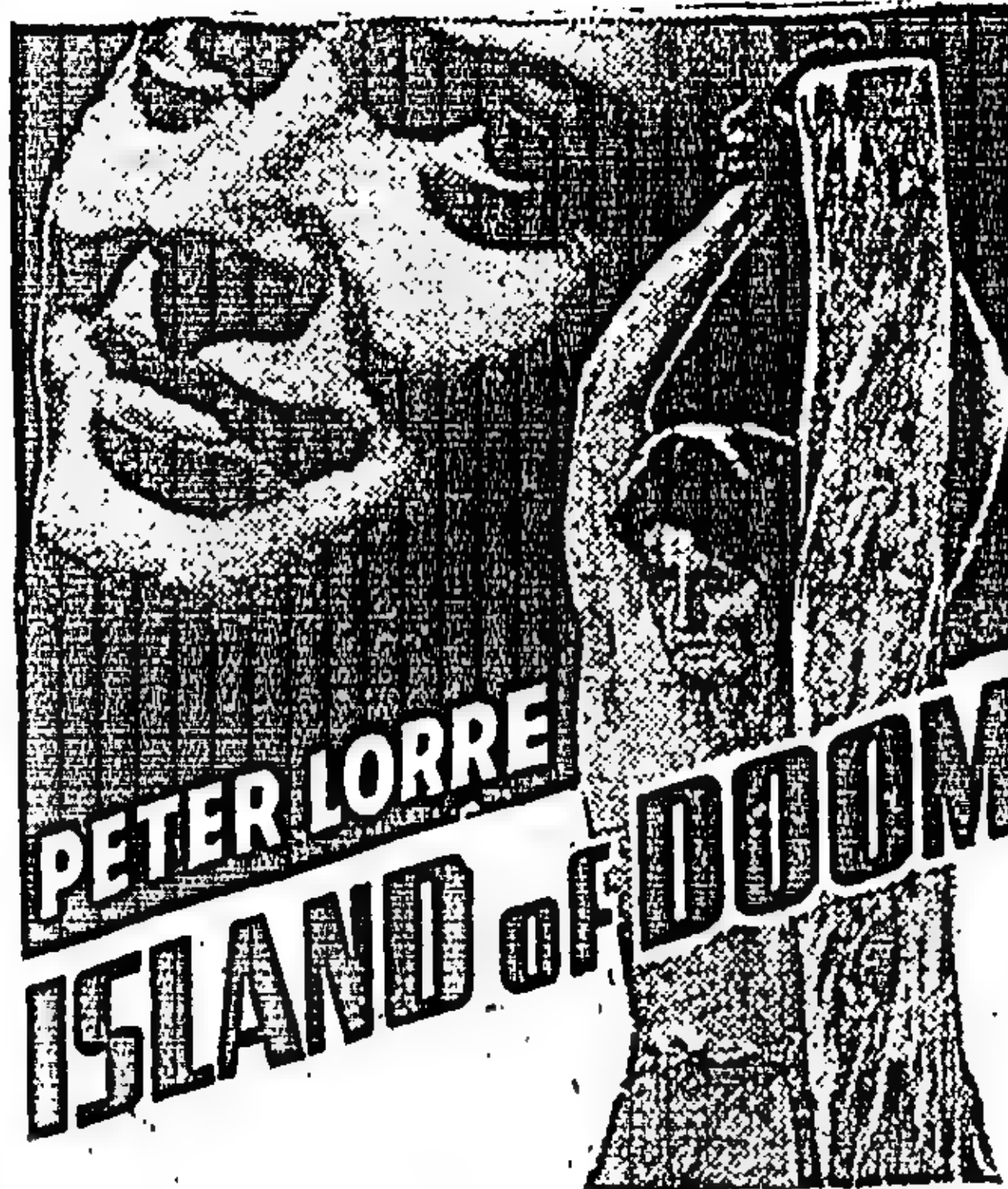
Other quakes are reported from Bessarabia, Kief, Kharkov and other districts in the Ukraine.

Further tremors are said to be shaking the Carpathians and the Caucasus region.—Reuter.

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SPECULATION ON THE INTRIGUES OF M. LAVAL

THE OFFICIAL GERMAN news agency says that M. Laval, the Vichy Vice-Premier, is now on his way back to Vichy from Paris following his conversations with Hitler. He is to report to Marshal Petain as soon as he arrives in Vichy.

The news agency points out that no German statement has yet been issued to explain the nature or extent of the discussions. Havas, the French agency, is more out-spoken when it says that all Frenchmen will understand that the meeting concerns the future of their nation, and calls it the "most important event since the armistice."

According to the Swiss press, it is fairly certain that the terms would mean France giving up Alsace-Lorraine to Germany and Nice and Tunis to Italy. For the rest, it is thought the terms would mean that the French Empire is dissolved between the Axis and its satellites, and that the French navy and air force are to be used against Britain.

Repeated denials from Vichy have done little to throw doubt on the general tenor of these reports.

Swiss reports state that neutral observers are of the opinion that the fate of France depends on the outcome of the struggle inside the Vichy Government.

Some say that Marshal Petain and General Weygand will refuse any settlement calling for French arms to be used against Britain. Laval and Company apparently have no qualms

about this, except possibly a doubt as to how many Frenchmen would be willing to serve against Britain.

According to Rome reports, Hitler has sounded Laval on a plan for settlement making France a collaborator with the Axis Powers in the future prosecution of the war.

Well informed London circles warn against any assumption that the whole of the Vichy Government will support the intrigues of M. Laval. — Reuter.

ATHENS HOARDERS SENTENCED

Twenty out of 40 persons arrested in Athens for hoarding sugar and coffee for the purpose of profiteering have been sentenced to deportation on one of the Aegean Islands for a year.

Sentence has still to be passed on the remaining 20. Those arrested include the proprietor of one of the largest local hotels, several bankers and three well-known Greek journalists.—Reuter.

HIMMLER LEAVES MADRID

Herr Himmler, Nazi Gestapo chief, left Madrid by air yesterday morning for Barcelona. — Reuter.

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TOO EARLY TO ASSUME VICHY'S SUBMISSION

By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent

The most surprising thing about the Hitler-Laval meeting is that it should have occurred at all.

That four months after France's downfall, Germany should come to realise that there is something still to be made out of the despondent and defeated remnants of a great empire is a confession not of the latent strength of France, but of the desperate need of Germany.

It seems unlikely that Germany would press France for a declaration of war as she would be expected to lose more than they would again.

The would certainly find the French army a most unreliable comrade in arms. He would not be a willing partner against his former friends.

Humiliating Conditions

What is more likely is that certain fresh concessions were discussed at the meeting, in exchange for improvement of communications and supplies and less rigid supervision.

The most likely concession would be the surrender of the remainder of the French Navy and possibly French aeroplanes.

It is too early to assume, however, that the Vichy Government would submit to such humiliating conditions.—Reuter.



ALIEN CAMPS 'NO BETTER THAN GOAL'

"I have never felt so ashamed or humiliated in my life than at the behaviour of our country towards those foreign friends of freedom who came to this country expecting to find England a city of refuge."

This statement was made at the Central Hall, Westminster, by Mr. H. W. Nevinston, the veteran war correspondent, in a speech to delegates at a national conference called by the Council for the Defence of Civil Liberties to discuss freedom of speech, association and the Press.

Over 1,000 delegates, representing Trade Unions and other organisations, attended the conference.

"Sir John Anderson has blamed the War Office," added Mr. Nevinston, "because of the risk in war time of having aliens free in our midst."

"Shameful"

"There must be some risk, but we as British people are prepared to take such a small risk rather than allow this shameful treatment of our natural friends and allies, many of whom came to us to escape from the tyranny against which we are all fighting."

"I am not complaining against the conditions in the camps, although I know that families have been separated, the father in Canada, the mother here and the son in Australia. I am protesting against friends of freedom being interned in camps at all."

"They came here believing that England was a refuge and

has been for a long time. These people, after suffering at the hands of despotism, came here thinking that they would be treated as friends and allies, but directly they landed they were posted off to a camp which is no better than a prison."

Dr. Marrack, of the Socialist Medical Association, said over 65 doctors and dentists were interned in this country, with no chance of their immediate release, and 600 nurses had also been dismissed from their employment because they were aliens.

There were shouts of protest when the chairman of the conference, Mr. W. H. Thompson, announced that the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Attlee, had refused to receive a deputation from the Conference Committee.

LL.G.'s Message

Mr. Lloyd George sent a telegram expressing the hope that "our Government will not use a war in defence of civil liberty as an opportunity for suppressing it."

A telegram from Mr. W. Lunn, Labour M.P. for Rothwell, said that the "information disseminated by Duff Cooper, Harold Nicholson and Bacon, the North-Eastern Regional officer, is the sort that is best calculated to help the enemy in our midst."

JARGON IN WHITEHALL

Mr. Churchill, attacking the jargon at Whitehall, invites his colleagues and the heads of Civil Service departments to condense their reports and avoid "officialese." He quails at such phrases as: "It is also of importance to bear in mind the following consideration . . ." or "Consideration should be given to the possibility of carrying into effect . . ."

Mr. A. P. Herbert, M.P., who still wages his Word War, calls jargon "Jungle English" and "Ribbon-Writing." Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, another hater of woolly abstractions and pompous periphrases, once remoulded Hamlet's soliloquy in an exercise beginning, "To be, or the contrary? Whether the former or the latter be preferable would seem to admit of some difference of opinion."

"Officialese"

Here are examples of the "officialese" which alarms the Prime Minister:—

"Pending this it is suggested that, having regard to the structure of industry in — resulting in the whole almost invariably gaining or suffering from the condition of the key industries, it might be considered reasonable to give a certain measure of orders to the — area; any such action, it is believed, being likely to provide a greater proportional alleviation of the very serious situation existing then in almost any other district."

"The unity of view of the participants in the conversations has been established regarding the exceptional importance at the present time of an all-embracing collective organisation of security on the basis of the indivisibility of peace."

"The Minister sees no reason to question the view of the Council that, having regard to the fact that the site is closely adjacent to a road junction and that vehicles must enter or leave the premises in reverse gear or alternatively stand on the highway, the increase in traffic to and from the premises, consequent upon the erection of the pumps, is likely to be detrimental to public safety."

Now Whitehall must search instead for the "short expressive phrase." Mr. Churchill says that the discipline of setting out the real points concisely will help clearer thinking.

We wait anxiously for officials to "give consideration to the possibility of putting into immediate practice the recommendations with regard to verbiage stressed by the Prime Minister in a memorandum which has lately been circulated for scrutiny to responsible authorities in the departments concerned."

Or words to that effect.

VISCOUNT'S HEIR

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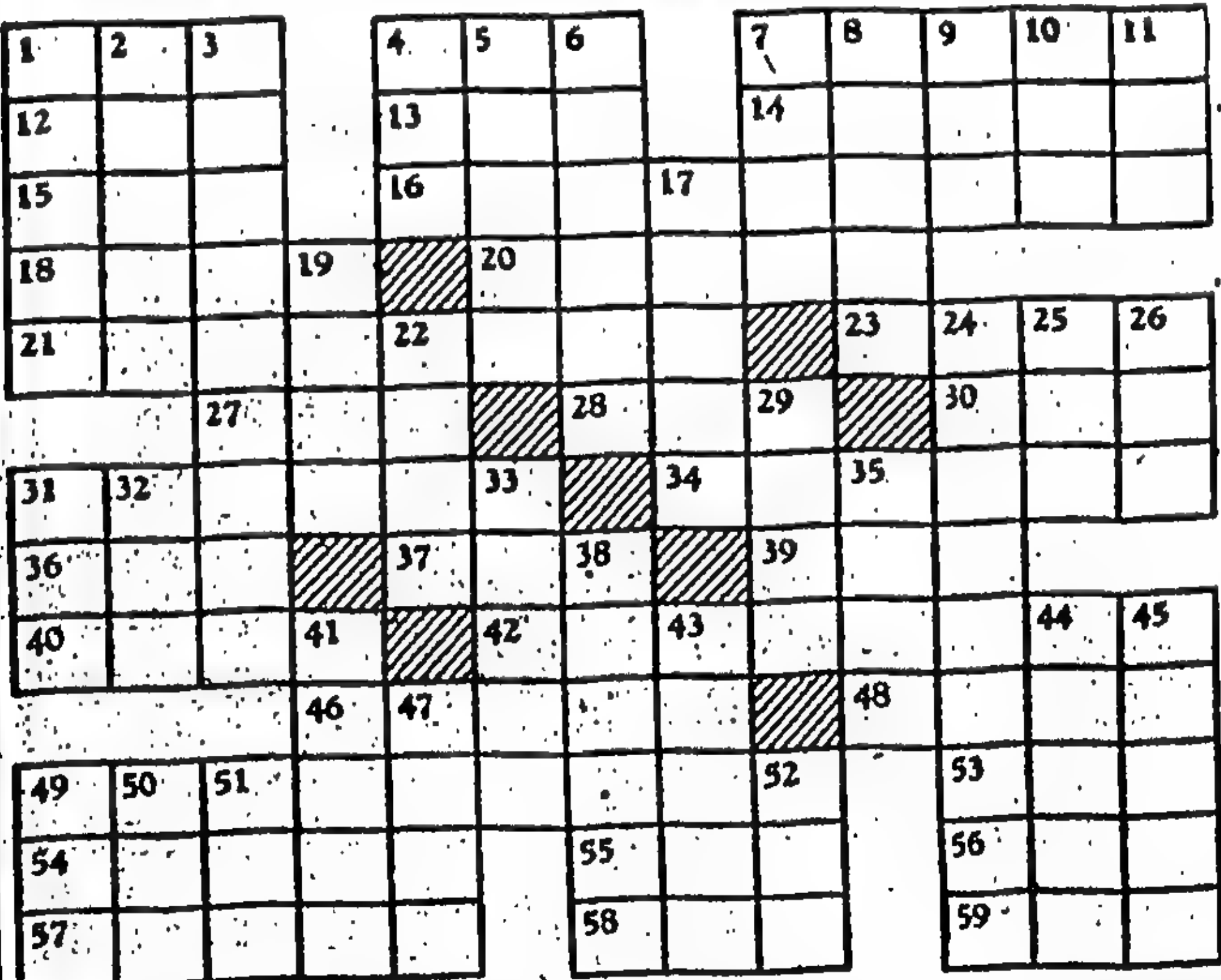
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- 20 Mutual understanding
- 21 Gigantic statue
- 23 Agile
- 27 Vast age
- 28 French coin
- 30 To regret
- 31 Agent
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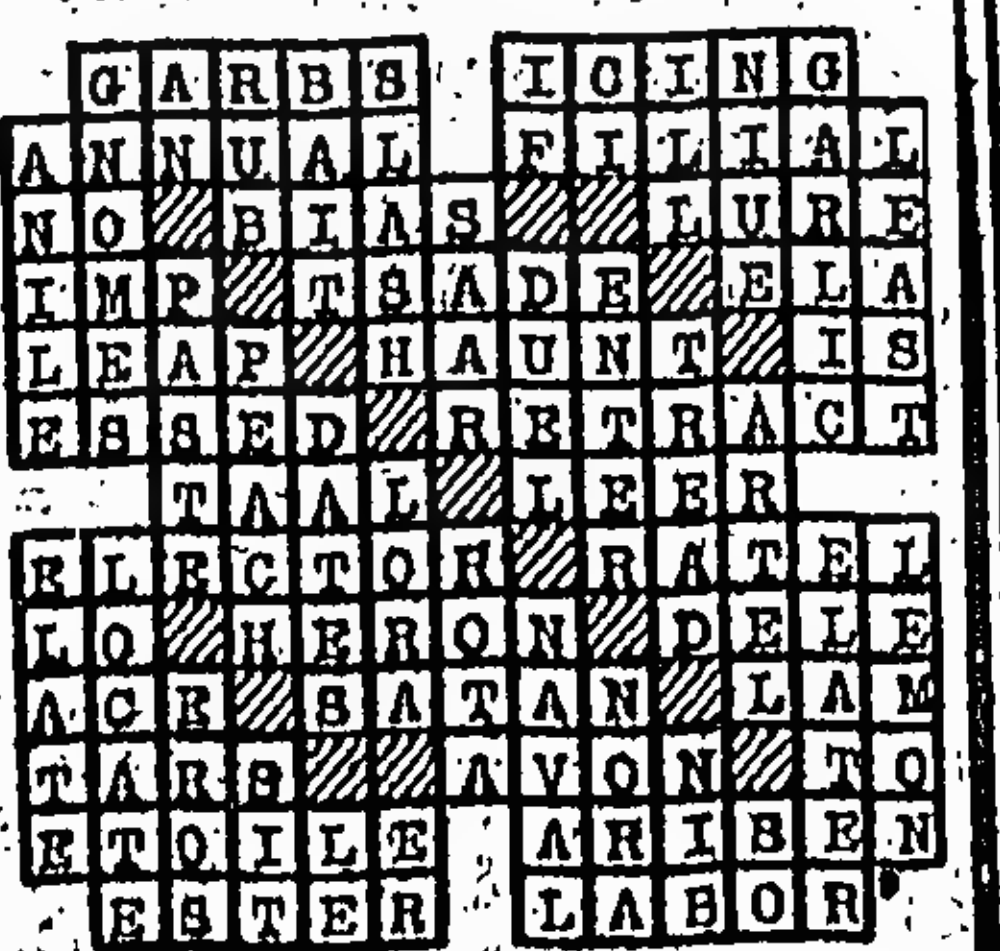
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- 9 Isle
- 10 Fish eggs
- 11 Being
- 17 Whitefish
- 19 Source
- 22 Concealed person
- 24 Proceeding designed to test character
- 25 To flow
- 26 Affirmative
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- 31 Distant
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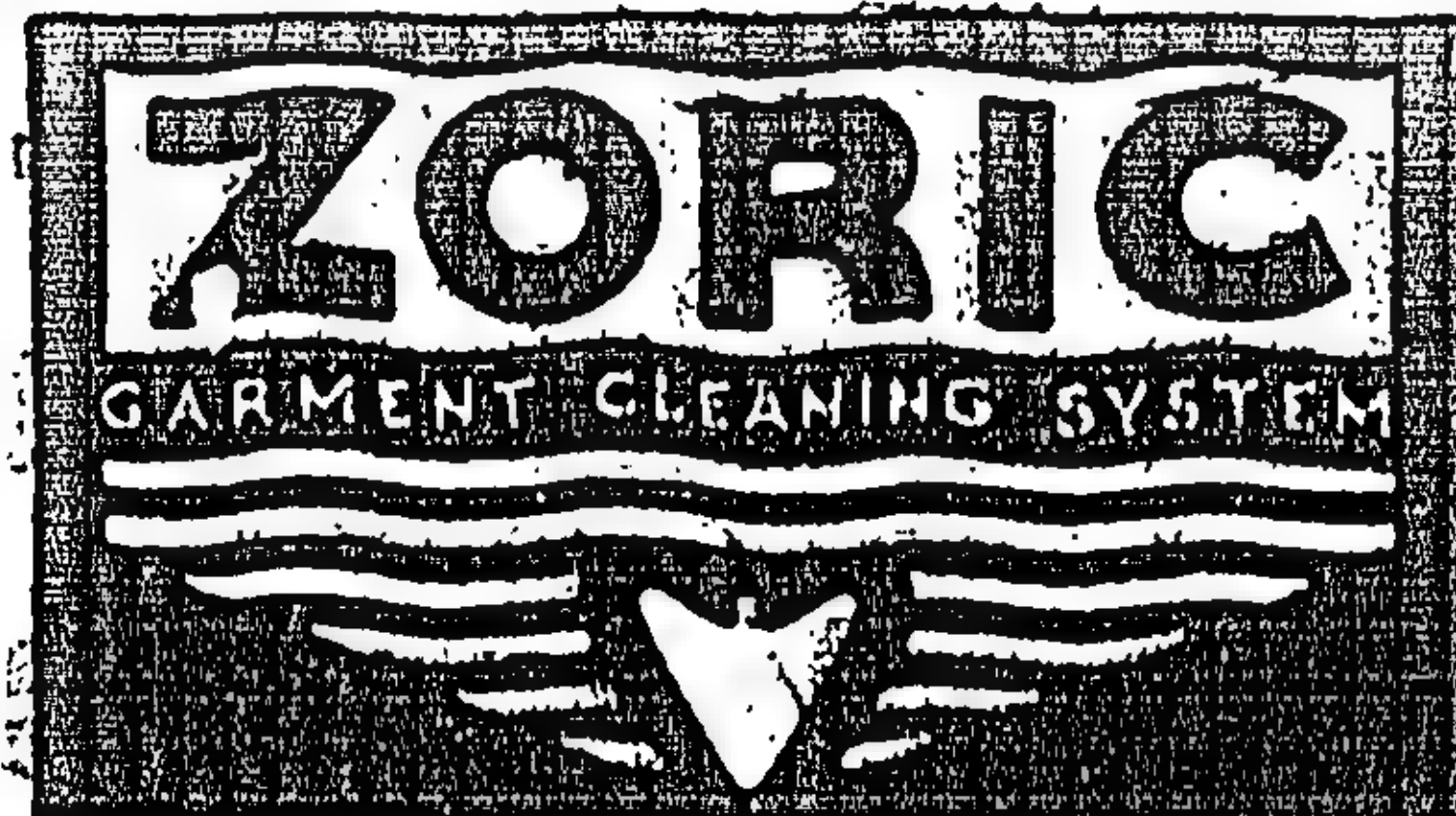
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R.A.F. VICTORY IN THE AIR AND THE FUTURE

INSTRUCTED OPINION must regard the victory won by the Royal Air Force—the greatest feat of arms in the annals of air war—not as a signal for thoughtless rejoicing, but as a supremely urgent call for still greater technical and industrial effort.

Although there is a long way to go and much hard fighting to be done, we are winning the war in the air. If we can put forth that still greater industrial and technical effort the Luftwaffe, which was to be the spearhead of German victory against Britain, may become the starting point of German defeat.

Its losses, excluding our bomber losses, since August 8 have been in the proportion of a little over four to one in machines, of nearly fifteen to one in trained men and—according to my calculations—about ten to one in man-hours of production. But it is still not enough.

Faster, quicker climbing, more manoeuvrable and more heavily armed and armoured aeroplanes, and many more of them; that is our imperative need. A prodigious technical advance, especially in day bombers, must be compassed in quick time.

The lively United States newspaper headline: "R.A.F. shooting its way to parity," expressed only part of the truth. For it is not possible in aerial combat to do more than whittle down German air strength very slowly; the massive effort to turn the scale must still come from the skilled engineers and devoted workpeople.

In its battles against the vast, swirling clouds of German aeroplanes the Royal Air Force profited by three things above all others: courage, team work, and first class technical equipment, and the last was perhaps the most important.

Some have said that in war there is always a swing back and forth of technical superiority. They suggest that, as we have it now, it must go to the Germans in the future. We shall accept such a view at our peril. There must be no swing back. There need be none.

But in order to arrest it the Air Staff must show fuller appreciation of advanced technical possibilities; it must be more ready to listen to those with unorthodox ideas; it must take greater account of the views expressed by those outside its own small circle of advisers.

New German Types

In this war the Germans have introduced three chief new types to their squadrons; the Heinkel 113 single-seat fighter, a development of the 112; the Messerschmitt 110 twin-engined cannon fighter and its extrapolation the Jaguar bomber; the Junkers 88 high performance bomber, and the Dornier 215 bomber. Rumour—and so far it is nothing more—credits them with preparing new machines, including four-engined night bombers and a new twin, tandem-engined cannon fighter of revolutionary design.

We have introduced the Boulton Paul Defiant turret fighter and the Bristol Beaufort medium bomber and general purpose aeroplane. The Fairey Albacore is going into the Fleet Air Arm. All these machines, British and German, were under development long before the war. None of the British ones represents notable performance advances. Meanwhile, the brunt of our air work is being borne by the aircraft with which we entered the war: the Vickers-Armstrongs Wellington and the Armstrong Whitworth Whitley heavy bombers, and the Vickers-Armstrongs Spitfire and the Hawker Hurricane fighters.

Day Bombers Wanted

We have medium bombers for day work, but it has been clear for a long time that we lack high-performance day bombers. They are fifty or sixty miles an hour slower than the German fighters. That weakness the Beaufort will not repair. But it must be repaired at the earliest moment, for we cannot strike back hard enough if our bombing is confined to nights and cloudy days. Twenty-four-hour, all-weather bombing of Germany is essential for domination of the air. The Germans have neglected

night bombing equipment, and are no doubt hard at work to repair that error. We have neglected day-bombing equipment, and must make similar efforts.

So the need is for swift technical advance linked with numerical advance. We must hold and ever increase our technical lead in the future. We must not look on the Spitfire and Hurricane as the last word in fighters or on the Blenheim and Beaufort as the last word in day bombers. The most experienced high-speed military aircraft designer in this country put forward at the beginning of the war a design for an unorthodox bomber capable of 400 miles an hour with big load and range. It is the greatest pity that this design was not accepted, for it would have been almost ready by now. Mistakes of this kind by the Air Staff must not be repeated.

Strategy

Something must now be added on German air strategy. It has followed so far the forecasts made. There have been the dispersed attacks, first on ports, then on targets further inland. The raids crept in from the convoys at sea to the ports, and then to London and other inland cities. In spite of his heavy losses the enemy stuck woodenly to programme.

If he continues to stick to programme the next steps are likely to be a sudden hardening and intensification of attack at a few points directly the dispersed attacks are thought to have dispersed our forces.

So far the numbers of aircraft deployed by the Germans have tended to confirm the estimate that the German first-line strength is 5,000 aeroplanes with a total, including training machines, of between 30,000 and 35,000. But the possibility of the enemy having still held back big reserves for a final assault must not be overlooked.

German Morale

There is as yet no indication of a decline in German Air Force morale. Air-Marshal Sir Philip Joubert, who, in his extremely interesting broadcasts seems often to express official opinion, mentioned some statements reported to have been made by German airmen brought down in Britain as indicating a lowered morale.

It is to be hoped that in this he was not voicing Air Ministry views. The psychological state of an airman immediately after crash and capture tends to cause him at first to say anything likely to appease his captors. German airmen prisoners, when they have fully recovered, are usually as truculent as other Germans and not in the least demoralised.

Let us beware of believing these stories which suggest an imminent collapse of the German air force. It is being beaten, but it will not wilt except under incessant battering.

And, as Lord Trenchard has rightly pointed out, that battering must include ever heavier bombing. We must build up our bombing force with new and better aeroplanes. While we give our fighters yet higher speed, greater powers of climb, and manoeuvre, and heavier armour and armament, we must also create a stronger striking force of day-and-night bombers.

The key to air parity and then to air supremacy still remains with the engineers and designers and the British working people. Finally, it is to be noted that heavy German losses are likely to lead to wilder and more reckless attack. They may lead to new German attempts at frightfulness, including perhaps the spraying of gas—which is a practical possibility.

AUSTRALIA'S STRIDES IN WAR PRODUCTION

The production of 9,000,000 shells a year is envisaged by the Australian Government, it is revealed in a report which the Australian delegates have taken to the Eastern Group Supply Conference at New Delhi.

Australia is within reach of providing most of the material needed for defence and offence, overcoming her deficiency in machine-tools to an extent not thought possible a year ago. —Reuter.

CALLING UP ORDER FOR 35'S

An indication that the Army is now in a position to absorb more men is provided by the announcement that men of 35 will have to register for military service on November 9 and November 16.

The great majority of these men will have reached the age of 35 but not 36, and a small minority will have reached the age of 36 but not 35.

Therefore, one group and a half will be left before another Royal Proclamation further extending registration dates is necessary. It is learned from reliable sources that the question of another Proclamation does not immediately arise. Over three months have elapsed since the last registration.

There is no information at present with regard to when the next age-groups beyond the present call will be asked to register, but it may be several months.

As many men affected by the new registration are in "reserved occupations," it is not possible to estimate the number who will be available for the forces. —Reuter.

BOOTHBY INQUIRY COMMITTEE

The constitution of the Select Committee of the Commons charged with investigation of Robert Boothby's actions in connection with Czech assets was announced yesterday.

Under the chairmanship of Colonel John Gratton, seventy-three-year-old Conservative member for Burton, the committee comprises four Conservative members, two Socialist, and one each of Liberal, National Liberal and National Labour members.

Besides three barristers there are on the Committee, Sir Edward Cadogan, who was formerly the Speaker's Secretary, F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, who was formerly Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and Sir George Schuster, one-time Financial Adviser to the Colonial Office. —British Wireless.

CHINA MAIL

AUSSIE POLITICS

The spirit in which the forming of a National Cabinet in Australia is approached by the party leaders is all-important to any successful compromise in difficult circumstances. They have approved in principle the proposed objective, but the road of past experience is strewn with warnings of the need to preserve that objective from being obscured in the insurgence of baser, party rivalries, initially forsworn. It cannot be too strongly urged that no sectional considerations, no preconceived notion of individual place or prestige in purely party estimation, should be allowed to obstruct the negotiations for launching a united war policy, and establishing the strongest possible national Executive, recruited from all sides of the House, to carry it out.

The motives of Mr. Curtin, and of the all-Australian Labour conference from which he derives his authority, in opposing previously a united Ministry, were before the elections clearly explained and appreciated, even by critics who could not accept the Labour viewpoint.

But circumstances have changed. Clouds on the international horizon which then aroused misgiving have now advanced and their menace is unmistakable. The choosing of the period for the elections was a sign that those at the helm of State believed they could see for three weeks ahead. Today no man dare assert that it is possible to see ahead for more than days. The electors themselves sensed the tightening of tension—equally with Ministers and other candidates—while the election campaign was in progress; and the election verdict registered the impression. What Mr. Menzies urged as proper and statesmanlike weeks ago has now become a course imperative, nay unavoidable, in the eyes of every intelligent observer of international events.

TURNING TIME?

In his broadcast to Frenchmen, Mr. Churchill hinted at an earlier end to the war than is generally believed likely. A bitter winter is ahead. He does not hide that. If Britain holds out, as she has rosy hopes of doing, the prospects of ultimate

LOW ON THE GOVERNMENT'S SAVINGS CAMPAIGN



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Comradeship Of Girl Guides

Empire Girl Guides have raised £48,475 for two air ambulances—just £28,475 more than they hoped to collect. As a result, there has been a conference with the Admiralty, War Office, and the Y.M.C.A., who were all asked how this money should be spent.

The Admiralty has asked for motor ambulances. They are to be given twenty fully-equipped ambulances, which will cost £11,000.

The War Office told the Chief Commissioner of the need for "quiet rooms" in all the permanent camps, where services may be held on Sundays, and where men may read, write, and rest during the week. The sum of £10,000 has been set aside for them.

The Y.M.C.A. suggested two large complete units, one for England and one for Scotland, which will help to replace the equipment which was lost in France. These are to cost £5,000.

The Guide Of Dunkirk

And another £5,000 has already been spent on a motor lifeboat, which made its maiden voyage as a unit in the epic of Dunkirk. The boat is to be christened The Guide of Dunkirk.

Writing to thank the Guides, Colonel Satterthwaite, of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, said that the new lifeboat had not come out of the Dunkirk

Nazi victory will be greatly dimmed. Not only the conquered populations in Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, The Netherlands, Belgium, and France but also the conquered people of Germany may be watching the signs of the times with anxious eyes. As long as Germany retains military mastery, they are cowed and helpless. There are two ways of meeting such a mastery: from without and from within. Britain holds the fort from without. The sooner we are able to sally from that fort, as Mr. Churchill promised, the harder it will be for the Nazi overlords to meet the challenge from within.

evacuation without some damage. "But I do not think you need trouble about the cost of repairs due to her service at Dunkirk, as these will, in any event, be small, and I think they will be defrayed from Government sources," he added.

All the Guides' gifts will be distinguished by a large trefoil and an inscription which says: "Presented by the Girl Guides of the Empire, Empire Week, 1940."

Bulletins on the progress of the appeal tell amazing stories—stories about Brownies who made toffee and sold it to family and friends so that they could add their quota to the Empire appeal; about a crippled post-ranger who set aside the shilling she had left out of her tiny invalid pension when her weekly five-shilling living expenses were paid; of Mary, in an African orphanage, who asked the matron to send the only two shillings she had in the world to the fund.

In London—now that the fund is closed—Guides are trying to keep up a spirit of international comradeship in a world which has seen most of Europe eliminated from international friendships for some time, by taking over the top floor of the World Bureau. It is to become the home of every refugee Guide in England.

A small library of books in their own languages is being collected. Comfortable armchairs and writing tables are being used to furnish a clubroom where Guides from Poland, Belgium, Holland, France, and Austria will be able to hold patrol meetings. They will be able to feel it is their very own.

Australian Guides have shared in the work English Guides are doing for refugees by sending cases of clothes.

"They were beautifully tailored and sewn," one of the staff at headquarters said. "So beautifully made, in fact, that it was a pleasure to be able to pass them on. Everyone felt that they were personal gifts, and I believe everyone who made them had done it in that spirit."

Escaped In Open Boat

Guide companies all over England have adopted refugees. The Maidstone Guides adopted a whole family from Amsterdam because of Josephine, who was a Guide in an Amsterdam company before the German invasion. She escaped to England with her parents and Scout brother in an open boat. They took a week to get here. Nobody knew how to row, and they shipped a great deal of water, which Josephine baled out with a gas mask container. They had no food and very little water. When they reached England Josephine had to be taken to hospital. Her feet had swollen to

three times their normal size from exposure. Guides who visited her in hospital were not told she was a fellow-Guide until twinkling-eyed Josephine saluted them when they left.

Reports from French Guides who are in England now give some idea of the work which was done in France when the Germans broke through in June.

Day And Night Shifts

In Nantes, Guides and Scouts worked in day and night shifts under the Red Cross. The Guides ran a creche and play centre for the refugee children and helped the Red Cross with a first-aid tent and canteen. They helped to reunite families by putting up a large notice-board divided into different districts. Refugees put their names down as they came into Nantes, and found families and friends through alphabetically arranged lists. This was done in the middle of appalling, heart-breaking confusion.

More stories come in about the English Guides' work. They are haymaking, picking fruit, gardening, pruning, and weeding. Some have turned themselves into emergency salvage corps. One company collected 5,000 used razor blades and sent them off to an air-raid warden who had announced that he could collect a million in a fortnight. Others are looking after child evacuees; others are standing by at first-aid posts.

A letter from a post-ranger in north-east England sums up the whole spirit of these girls who are growing up in a country at war. This crippled girl wrote: "The night that we had the raid my young sister and I had mother for casualty No. 1. She bled profusely, and we were thoroughly glad of our combined first-aid knowledge. Emma did the running about and I produced the equipment. We blessed the day when we both took up Guiding."

It is a grand spirit—a spirit which everyone who knows the work is quite sure that Germany will not be able to break.

(Continued from Next Col.)

"Oh, that!" I remarked, reading the title, "Mein Kampf." And I gave, if not an actual, a mental shrug. "Lot of nonsense, don't you think?"

"What I have read so far—yes, I suppose," he replied with evident uncertainty. "And yet—I was in the last war, and, however fantastic such a plan of conquest might be—"

"But," I reassured him as his voice trailed off without concluding his intended remark. "It is a long way from here to Herr Hitler or, rather, from Herr Hitler to here."

And we all three laughed.

The Tiniest Island

Since the invasion and subsequent occupation of the Low Countries, there has been frequent mention in the news of "maintaining the status quo in the Dutch East Indies." The best known of these are, of course, Sumatra, Java, and the much smaller but extremely beautiful Bali. Few persons, even those who have circled the globe, have heard of Paloe Samboe. Yet, this first and smallest of the Dutch East Indies has a strategic importance not to be minimised; for it is to Paloe Samboe that the oil from the wells of Sumatra and Java is taken in Dutch ships for canning and final shipment abroad. Not so very long ago, we were privileged to spend a day on this tiny island, two hours by launch off Singapore, at the invitation of the resident manager of the oil company. He had been on leave in his native Amsterdam,

By Violet Alleyn Storey

where his young wife and two small children were prolonging their stay so that the children might enjoy their first real Dutch Christmas.

We took off from Singapore in the mid-morning of a sultry Sunday. The launch proved to be crowded with Malaysians, in their stiff-starched Sunday best, returning from church services on the mainland. Obviously courteous, they went out of their way to make us comfortable and the trip seemed very short. The launch landed in a rather desolate spot at a small dock on which our host stood waiting. He greeted us with great good will and explained that he lived on the other side of the island. We followed him, single-file, up a steep pathway, the steps of which had been made by pressing discarded oil drums into the soil. There was no vegetation in sight but a number of barnlike structures were visible ahead of us. These were the company's refineries, canneries, and inspection sheds. About fifty Hollanders lived on the island. The manual labour was done by Chinese, Japanese, Cingalese, and a few East Indians. Each of these groups had its own settlement and lived in accordance with its native customs. There was a school with classes for children of each racial group. Dutch employees had a club and all sorts of sports were indulged in.

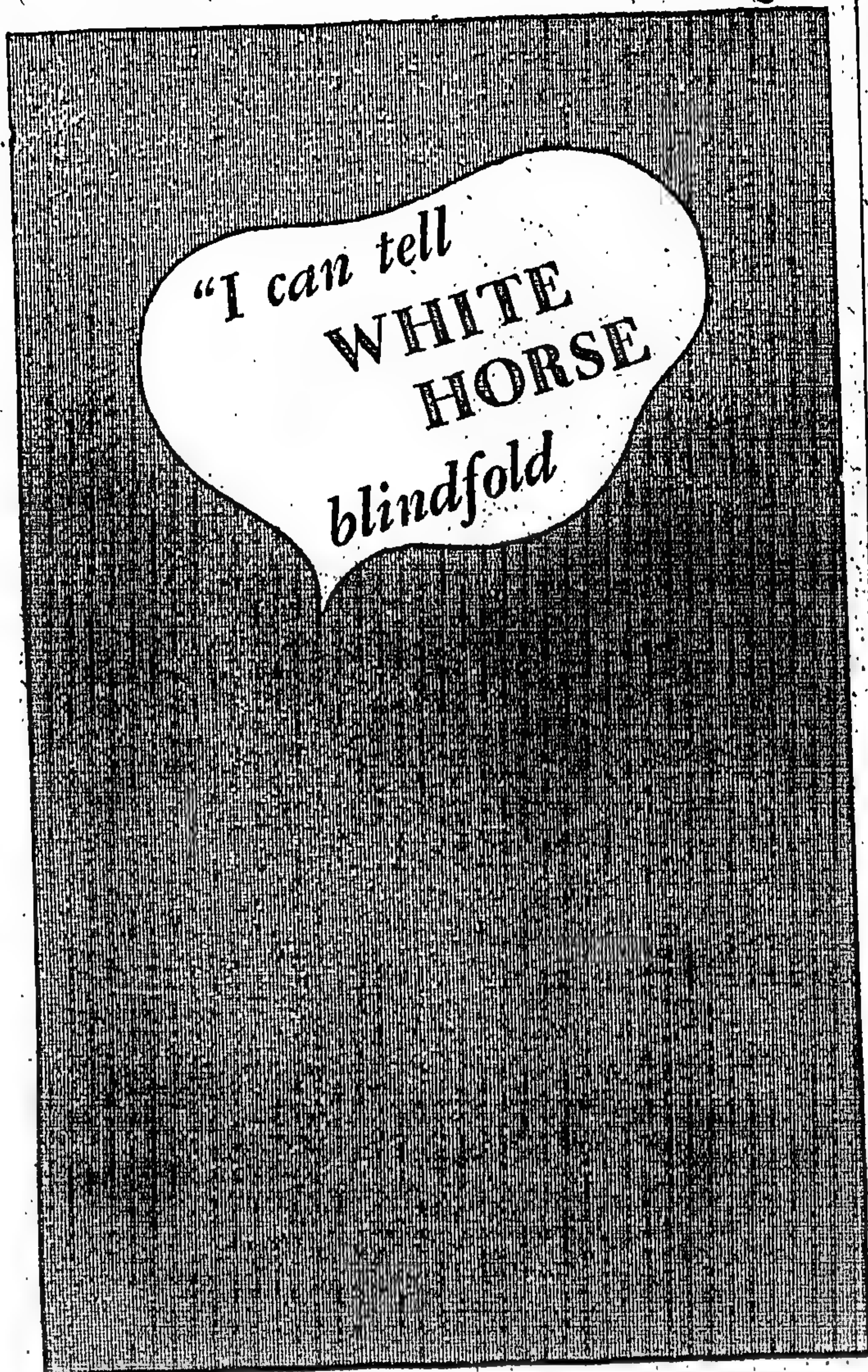
Suddenly, mounting the crest of the slope, we came to a row of white stucco, Dutch-style houses, each with a lush green backyard garden in which stood a cook-house, detached from the home. At the corner house we followed our host up the high steep to a screened door that was opened instantly by a lithe, barefooted Malayan boy. We entered a parlour, so like a parlour in any modern American home as to be startling when one glimpsed the Indian Ocean through the front window, between the scarlet-blossomed branches of the Flame of the Forest trees.

At tiffin we found the dining room typically Dutch, but the meal itself, prepared by a Javanese cook, consisted of Javanese riceplate, an elaborate sort of curry; Malayan bread, made from rice flour and pounded shrimp; and a tapioca pudding, sweetened with sap from an East Indian tree. Tropical fruits topped off the repast.

After luncheon, we went on a tour of inspection of the house and later in the afternoon, when the day had grown a bit cooler, saw how the "other half" on the island lived.

Our host invited us back to "sit a bit" before we took the launch for Singapore. So, once again, we found ourselves in the little parlour with its American overstuffed furniture and its view of the Indian Ocean. We were silent, all of us, as people are who have enjoyed each other's company and are about to part. Suddenly, our host, as if embarrassed by the silence, sought to shatter it.

"Read this?" he questioned idly, picking up a book that lay on the table near which he sat. He handed me a cumbersome volume. (Continued at foot of preceding col.)



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WILLKIE CAMPAIGN TACTICS ASSAILED BY MR. ROOSEVELT

"IT IS FOR PEACE THAT I SHALL LAB-
OUR FOR ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE," DE-
CLARED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, OPEN-
ING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN PHILADEL-
PHIA LAST NIGHT.

He accused the Republicans of importing
the propaganda methods of the "dictator
countries" to convince the public that he
would lead the United States into war.

Broadcasting from the same
convention hall in which he was
nominated in 1936 and Wendell
Willkie in 1940, President Roose-
velt declared that since July
hardly a day or night had passed
"when some crisis or some possi-
bility of a crisis in world affairs
has not called for my personal
conference with the Secretary of
State and other officials of the
Government."

Therefore, it was essential to
adhere to the rule, never to be
"over 12 hours' distant from
Washington," but the time had
come for him to answer falsifica-
tions with facts.

He said that many statements
by the Republicans must be "deli-
berate falsifications," declaring
that wilful misrepresentation of
the facts was not permissible dur-
ing a campaign or at any other
time.

Different Thing

After citing various subjects
which were permissible for cam-
paigners, President Roosevelt
said:—

"But it is an entirely different
thing for any party or any can-
didate to state, for example, that
the President of the United States
had telephoned Mussolini and
Hitler to sell Czechoslovakia down
the river, or that the unemployed
of the nation are going to be put
into concentration camps, or that
the present Government means
the end-in-America-of democracy
within four years.

"You know that all these
statements are false and untrue."

Verbal Blitzkrieg

President Roosevelt said that
the American people would not
be stampeded into a panic and
would not be swept away by this
"blitzkrieg of verbal incendiary
bombs," and the continued "ver-
bal bombshells" which the Repu-
blican leaders have unloaded on
this people.—Reuter.

To Inspect Defences

President Roosevelt arrived in
Philadelphia yesterday to open
the series of pre-election political
speeches which will take him into
Delaware, Pennsylvania and New
Jersey during the final fortnight
of the election campaign.

The President has stated that
he will combine his tour with a
further inspection of defence es-
tablishments.—Reuter.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S CAMPAIGN

President Roosevelt who open-
ed his election campaign with a
speech in Philadelphia last night,
is to follow it up by others at
New York next Tuesday, at
Washington next Wednesday and
at Cleveland on November 2.

On November 4—election eve
—he will make a final plea for
re-election from White House.—
Reuter.

G. IN G. NORWAY ARRESTED

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF THE NORWEGIAN ARMY
HAS BEEN FLOWN TO BERLIN
BY THE NAZIS, IT IS REPORT-
ED.

It is said that he was taken to
Berlin after he refused to sign a
declaration of loyalty to the Ger-
mans.—Reuter.

London Getting More Sleep

Between 80 and 90 per
cent. of London's popula-
tion are obtaining more
sleep to-day during air-
raids than they were a
month ago, says Reuter's
Lobby Correspondent.

This is one of the effects brought
to light by an investigation which
the Government is conducting into
the detailed effects of air-raids on
the public.

Another ascertained fact is
that the inevitable grumbling
which accompanied the original
inconveniences of air-raids is
definitely on the decline, though
air attack has tended to increase
in intensity.

It has been established that
there are no signs that the cour-
age of the people is declining, but
the opinion of neutral observers
is that it is steadily increasing.—
Reuter.

THE NAZIS IN LUXEMBURG

The Nazi Gauleiter of Luxem-
burg has dissolved that little
state's Parliament.—Reuter.

Potted Junkers On His Menu

SOON AFTER HE HAD done a day's work in the
office at the station headquarters, a wing comman-
der went off alone, shot down a couple of Junkers
87 dive bombers and flew back alone to an Essex aero-
drome in time for dinner. His story was told by the
Air Ministry.

In this air war of big forma-
tions, there are not many lone
flights.

Here, beginning with the wing
commander, are stories of three
single combats that stand out
from the hundreds of dog-fights
and team battles.

The wing commander has been
nearly 20 years in the R.A.F. He
has won the D.S.O. in this war,
and likes to see his squadron in
action whenever he can, and not
merely to hear about it when they
return.

Dived And Never Came Up!

Two of his squadrons were in
the air 20,000 feet above the Essex
Coast. He himself had climbed to
15,000 feet when he saw eight
Nazi dive bombers 5,000 feet be-
low him. He dived as they drop-
ped their bombs.

One Junkers 87 which was
caught by his first round from
behind and above burst into
flames and went straight down.

The Wing Commander pulled
out of his dive and attacked again.

Gave Him Night Target

A second Junkers 87 caught ex-
actly in the same way, also crash-
ed in flames.

A second single combat happen-

ed at night, when a Spitfire pilot
saw a German bomber held by
searchlight beams 20,000 feet over
Bristol.

The German managed to evade
the searchlight. All the British
pilot had to guide him was the
glow of the enemy's exhaust. He
kept up a running fight, until the
enemy crashed.

Single combat No. 3 was fought
in a cloud. It nearly ended in
disaster for a Spitfire pilot as well
as for a German bomber.

The pilot had attacked a Dornier
17 which was trying to bomb a
ship off the South Wales coast. He
saw the Dornier climb into cloud.

The flight-lieutenant went in
after his enemy.

A few seconds later, he heard
loud cracks on his Spitfire and
knew that he was being hit, but
there was no sight of the
Dornier.

Suddenly he understood why;
the bomber was right beneath
him.

Two-Seconds Burst

"Eventually," he said, "I saw
the Dornier, and from about 25
yards gave him a two-seconds
burst."

That finished the Dornier.
The Spitfire came out of the
cloud and only just managed to
make a safe crash-landing.

PHILIPPINES WILL BE DEFENDED

The Philippines will
be defended against
any attack which
might be launched
"as long as they are
under our flag," de-
clares Colonel Knox,
U.S. Secretary of the
Navy.—Reuter.

DE VALERA OFFER TO BRITAIN

It was Mr. de Valera who
suggested to the British
Government that mothers
and children from the
bombed areas should be
given sanctuary in Eire,
Reuter understands.

He was moved to do this by
feelings of distress at the sinking
of the liner "City of Benares,"
with a loss of 79 children on their
way to Canada.

When news came of this tra-
gedy, Mr. de Valera put the sug-
gestion before his Ministers so
that arrangements might be made
as soon as possible by the British
Government.—Reuter.

THE PEOPLE AND THE AIR WAR

MANY SMALL INCIDENTS during the sustained air attacks on Britain have shown how coolly the people are facing danger. The stories—and by no means all are chronicled—illustrate British imperturbability, courage, presence of mind, and good humour.

They increase in number daily. Here are a few of them, taken from the events of the last few weeks:—

During the heaviest raid so far on one section of the north-east coast miners climbed to the summit of a slag-heap to watch the fighting.

They stood there, cheering and waving their caps as a British fighter chased an escaping bomber out to sea, engaged it, and shot it down.

A surgeon at a Portsmouth hospital had just started a critical mastoid operation on a woman when a bomb fell close at hand. Anti-aircraft guns answered. All around, the noise became deafening; but among the confusion, with fighting overhead, the surgeon and his five assistants continued their work and ended the operation successfully. The woman is recovering.

A British pilot who was shot down and rescued during one of the battles over the Channel immediately telephoned his base from a police station. "I shall be back this afternoon," he said urgently. "Don't forget to have a 'plane ready."

When Dornier raiders appeared over Portland and Weymouth "like a swarm of bees in the sky," the windows of a chapel in which a children's service was being held were blown out.

The forty children present went into a lecture room at the back, sheltered against the wall, and went on singing their hymns until the end of the raid.

Hundreds of people watched a night attack on Croydon. Some stood on the top deck of an omnibus. Soldiers cheered every time a raider fell. Children who had been driving with their mothers left their cars, lay down in a field, and had a good view of the battle.

That night people in a south-east coast town "cheered themselves hoarse" when an anti-aircraft gun scored a direct hit on a Messerschmidt 109 and sent it flaring into the sea.

At an Overseas Club party for members of the Dominions fighting forces on "Blitzkrieg Day" two chairs were reserved for Hitler and Mussolini. They remained vacant.

Lord Willingdon read two cables. According to these, Hitler explained: "Set off according to plan but was blown back by hurricane," and Mussolini reported: "All Italian sailings cancelled owing to secret manoeuvres in port."

An ice-cream salesman at Hornchurch sold his entire stock to people waiting in a public shelter during a raid.

A woman having her hair waved in a Hornsey saloon refused the proprietor's invitation to take cover, and asked him to continue.

At the time of the first London raid warning the band of the Irish Guards was playing on Tower Hill. When the bandmaster announced that all who wished to take shelter should do so, few people moved; the crowd shouted "Carry on, Bill," and the programme continued.

"If they don't come any nearer, we shan't mind at all," said a farmer's wife after a bomb had blown tiles off the roof of the house and made the furniture dance about.

At one London station a dozen sailors, going on leave, took no notice at all of the air-raid warning. They spent the time having their boots cleaned by the shoeblack, who was also cheerfully oblivious of the raid.

A German airman, whose machine was shot down by Spitfires in a North-East coast village, was unwise enough to sneer at the clothes of a workman who ran across to challenge him.

"My mate," said another workman, "promptly punched him on the nose—and he didn't need telling again to put his hands up."

A village baker in the South-East, who woke to find that a bomb had shattered his window, placed a new notice in front of his shop: "Don't let Hitler spoil your appetite. Bread and cakes as usual."

When a raid warning came during a pig sale in an Eastern Counties market the auctioneer asked whether the company would like to adjourn to shelters or carry on with the sale. The sale continued, but first a collection was taken for the local Spitfire fund, and opened by one of the buyers with a £500 cheque.

An air-raid, with its assorted noises, had been disturbing a harbour village for twenty minutes. As an old-age pensioner had not joined her neighbours, one of them went out in a lull to look for her. She was discovered halfway through a large meal, and explained that she had stayed to keep the canary company, as it had seemed nervous.

A woman woke to the sound of bombs dropping in open country near her house. Almost at once she heard her maid knocking on the bedroom door and announcing calmly: "Bombs, please, madam!"

During an evening raid on London the window of a suburban sweet-shop was blown out. But the bottles remained on the shelves, and children ran in to buy sweets as soon as the raid ended.

HOME GUARD. 'SHUN!

HERE IS SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW

SPECIAL SCHOOLS where young and old are taught how to kill Germans are a feature of English life these days, according to an article in the German weekly, "Das Reich."

SUBMARINE SAVED HER TWO SONS

When the British submarine Truant rescued the crew of the steamer Haxby, imprisoned on the Norwegian vessel Tropic Sea, which the Germans had captured, it reunited a Glasgow mother with her two sons.

They had been reported missing, feared lost, for four months. Despite the official news of her sons, Mrs. Jean Davidson, of Drem Place, Glasgow, refused to believe that her boys would not return.

Convinced Of Safety

She had her conviction that they were safe confirmed when the Truant's Altmark exploit was announced.

The rescued brothers are Denis, aged 33, and James aged 23, who sailed on the Haxby early in April, and were reported missing, feared lost, on July 6.

COMMUNAL FEEDING IN NEWCASTLE

Arrangements are practically completed for communal feeding in Newcastle should enemy action render such necessary.

'PEN PALS' FOR SOLDIERS PLAN

The British Legion is to set up an organisation to establish contacts between lonely soldiers and members of the public.

Those willing to correspond with soldiers should communicate with the Soldiers' Correspondence Dept., Headquarters: British Legion, Cardigan House, Richmond, Surrey.

ENJOYED HER RAID BIRTHDAY

Nazi night raids are turned to good account by enterprising folk in the North-West of England.

Every time the sirens go in one district occupants of a communal shelter take a collection for the local Spitfire fund.

Among the cheeriest young people in the North-West are the inmates of a children's hospital. A threatened air attack is merely the signal for a great sing-song. "Their conduct inspires us," a nurse confessed.

She Was Seven

One little girl celebrated her seventh birthday in the family shelter. Afterwards she said: "What a gorgeous birthday. Wasn't it grand singing those songs in the shelter?"

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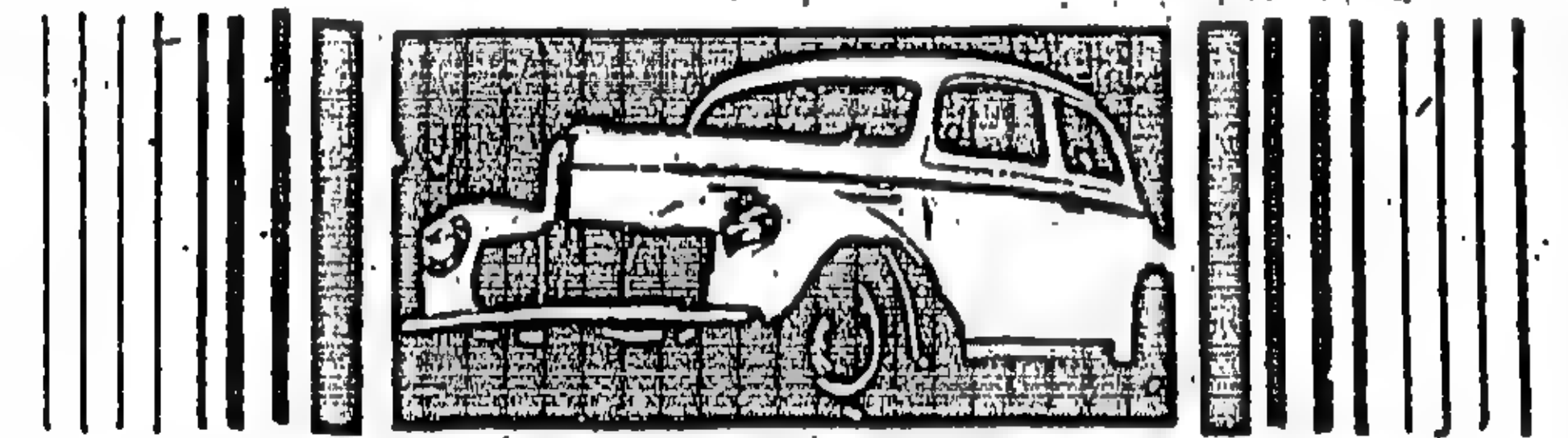
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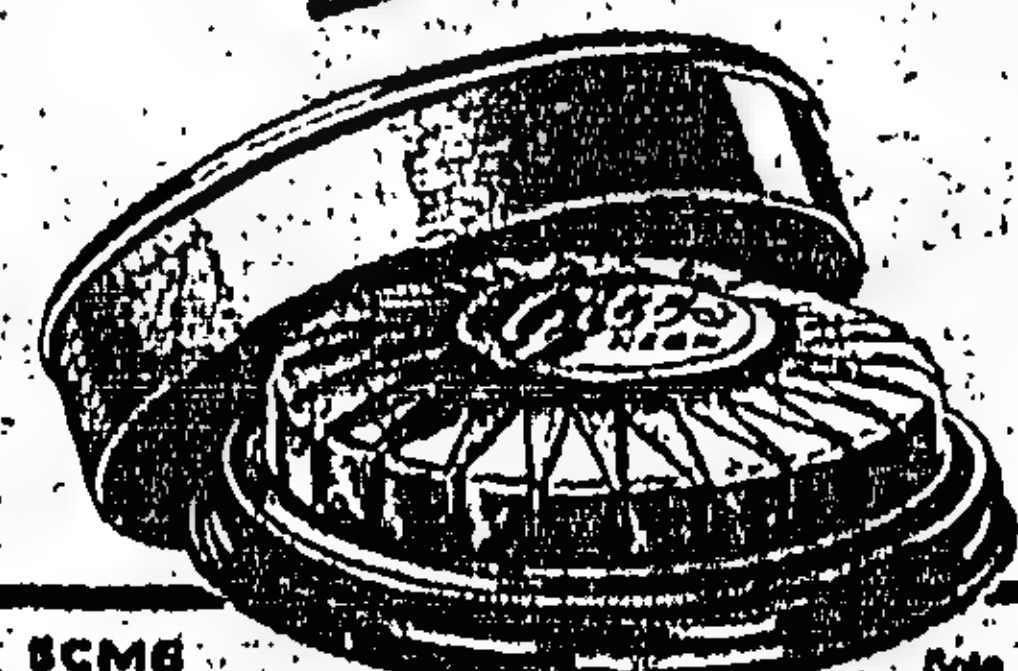
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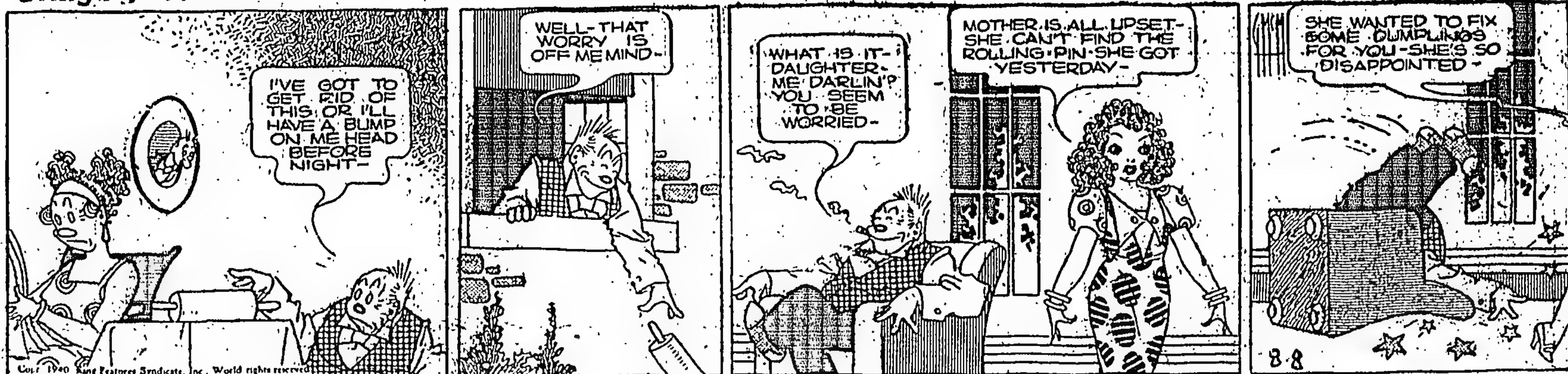
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

A LUNCH with HOT FOOD helps Jack and Jill work with a will

by Dorothy Greig

"HURRY home at noon," Mother would tell us youngsters. "There'll be a good hot lunch waiting for you." Mother was a great believer in the powers of wholesome food to solve most problems of life. "No excuse for poor marks after that lunch," she'd say.

And she spoke more truly even than she knew. Food authorities tell us that children need a well balanced, nourishing meal at noon, preferably with some hot food. Only then can children be expected to study well. A good lunch renews their vitality and helps keep them alert for the afternoon's work.

The hot food may well be soup—nourishing, and easy to prepare. Or it can be a simple casserole. For instance:

*recipe given below

Cream of Chicken Soup*
Fruit Salad with Cream Cheese Sandwich
Milk

Tomato Juice
Casserole of Macaroni and Cheese
Raw Carrot Sticks
Whole Wheat Bread
Baked Apple
Milk

Cream of Tomato Soup
(to condensed tomato soup add an equal quantity of milk)
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Celery Hearts
Rice Pudding
Milk

Creamed Ham and Potatoes in Mushroom Sauce*
Jellied Carrot and Pineapple Salad
Bread and Butter
Milk

Vegetable Soup with Crackers
Sliced Egg Salad on Lettuce
Oatmeal Cookies
Milk

Cream of Chicken Soup*
(youngsters love the hint of orange in this)
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
1 can condensed chicken soup
1/16 teaspoon grated orange rind



Home at noon to a nourishing, high vitality lunch.

Melt the butter in a saucepan and add the flour and cook until frothy. Then add milk and the chicken soup and cook until thickened. Add the grated orange rind about five minutes before serving. Serves 3-4.

Creamed Potatoes and Ham in Mushroom Sauce*
1 can condensed cream of-

mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
2 cups potatoes, diced
1 cup ham, diced
1/16 teaspoon grated lemon rind
Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well. Then add the milk, potatoes, ham and grated lemon rind. Heat to blend the flavors. Serves 4-5.

The Dish Of The Day

Monday:—Luncheon:— Medley Salad

Mix together 1 cup diced cold meat, 1/2 cup each cooked peas, diced carrot, diced cold potato, celery (uncooked), diced sour apple, and chopped walnuts. Mix with 1 cup mayonnaise, season well, and place in a salad bowl.

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Sprinkle top with chopped chives and decorate with slices of hard-boiled eggs and hearts of lettuce cut into four.

Tuesday:—Breakfast: Bacon Omelet

Chop 2 rashers of bacon into dice and fry in its own fat until crisp. Slightly beat 2 eggs, add pepper and salt to taste and 1 tablespoon milk. Pour into pan while it is still very hot, stir until it is beginning to set, then push mixture to one side of pan in the shape of an oval cushion and allow to brown on bottom, then turn and brown top, or it may be placed under a hot griller. The secret of a good omelet is to keep it soft.

Wednesday:—Dinner: Baked Sherried Apples

Peel and core 6 good cooking apples and stick them all over with shredded blanched almonds. Place them in a casserole dish and pour over a sauce made by bringing to the boil 1 cup brown sugar and 1/2 pint sherry. Place on tight-fitting lid, bake in a moderate oven until apples are cooked, but not broken (this will be prevented if basted now and again during the cooking). Remove the lid and baste well until apples are well glazed. Serve hot or cold with cream.

Thursday:—Dinner: Baked Pork With Celery Force meat

Mix together 3 cups bread-crumbs (if dry, pour over 1

cup hot water and soak for about 15 minutes, then squeeze out), add 2 level teaspoons mixed herbs, 2 cups finely-diced celery, pepper and salt to taste, 1/2 cup melted margarine. Procure 6 pork chops, cut about 2 inches thick, and cut meat in the middle right down to the bone. Sprinkle with flour, pepper, and salt, and fry until brown on each side in a little lard or butter. Fill the cavity of each with prepared forcemeat and fasten with a toothpick. Place them in a baking tin, preferably on a grid, cover tightly, and bake in a moderate oven for about 1 hour. Serve with fried apple rings, or half an unpeeled but cored apple may be placed on each chop cut side down and baked with the meat.

Friday:—Luncheon:—Baked Haddock With Rice

Well grease an ovenproof dish and place a layer of boiled rice in the bottom. Cover with a layer of grated cheese, then a layer of chopped haddock. Sprinkle with pepper and lemon juice. Continue until mould is almost full. Add enough milk to come about half-way to the top of rice, cover with breadcrumbs, dot with butter, and bake in a moderate oven for about 25 minutes.

Saturday:—Dinner: Steamed Batter Pudding With Butterscotch Sauce

Beat 3 egg-yolks and 3 des-

sertspoons sugar until very thick, add 1 teaspoon melted butter, a good pinch salt, and 1 teaspoon vanilla essence. Sift 1oz plain flour and add it into egg mixture alternately with 3/4 cup milk. Beat the egg-whites until stiff and fold into mixture. Place in a well-buttered mould or basin and steam until firm for about 1 hour. Turn out very carefully and serve with the following: Place in a saucepan 3/4 cup milk, 4oz unsweetened chocolate, 8oz sugar or a little less, according to taste, 1 teaspoon butter. Stir over gas until mixture thickens, taking care it does not burn; add 1 teaspoon vanilla and serve hot.

Sunday:—Supper: Danish Pudding

Mix together 2 heaped cups of brown or rye breadcrumbs and add 1 dessertspoon sugar. Place them in the oven (slow) until they are very dry, but not browned. Allow them to become cool, then mix them with 1 cup apricot or plum jam (the more tart the jam is the better the sweet will be). 1/2 cup chopped almonds or walnuts. Press into a round basin, chill well, and when ready to serve turn out and serve with whipped cream.

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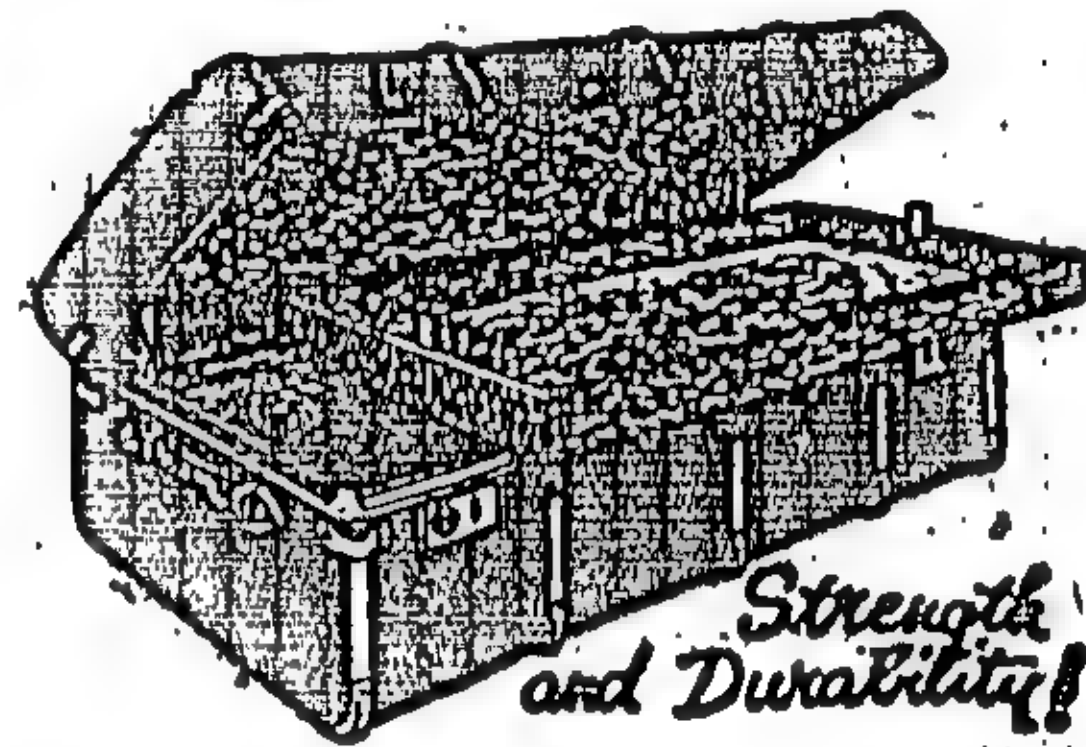
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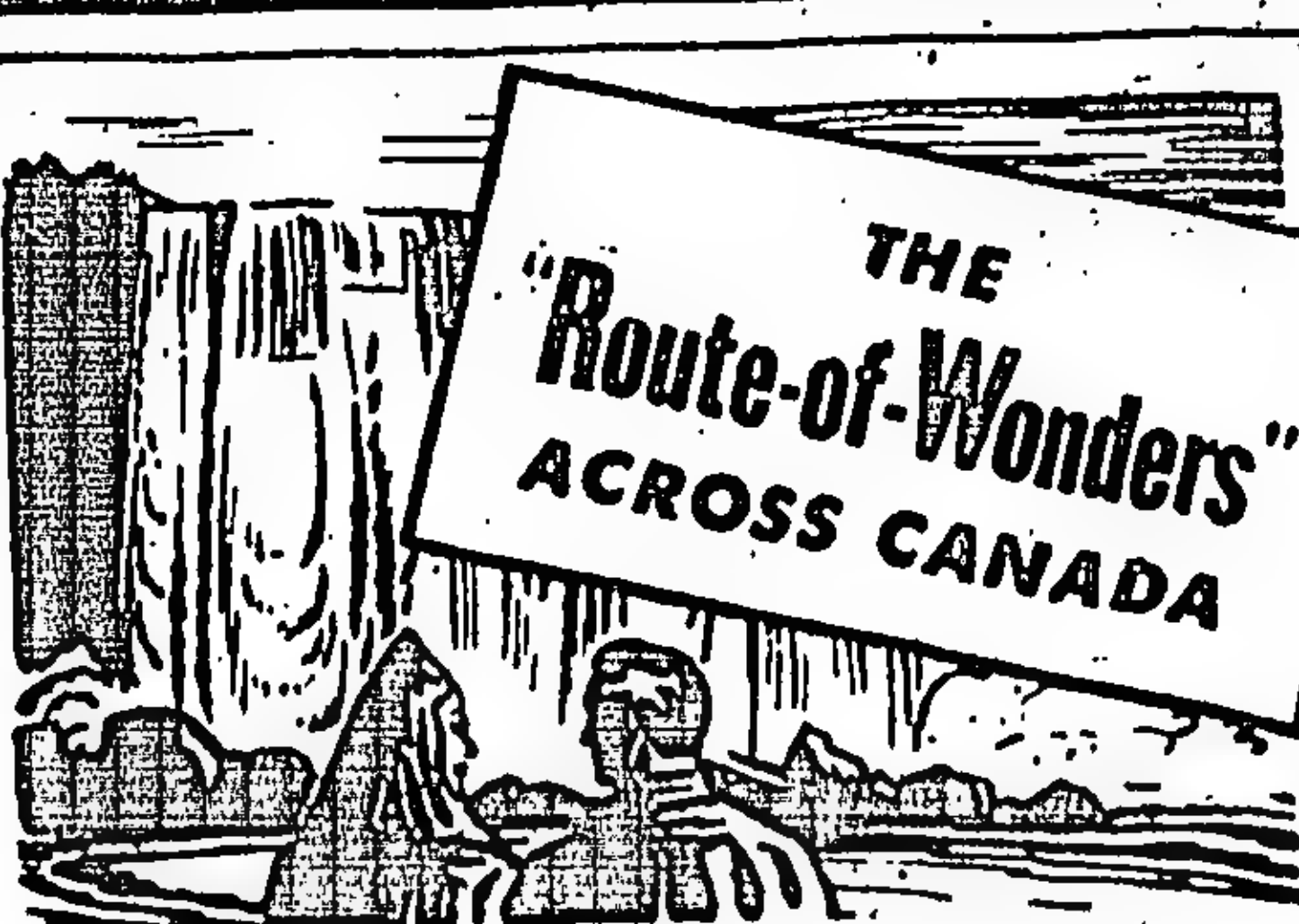
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12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Brahms.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Sam Browne (Vocal) and Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Ronald Gourley (Piano) and "The Organ, The Dance Band and Me".

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.02 p.m.—An hour of Popular Classics.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 p.m.—Grace Moore (Soprano) and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Caroline Braga.

1. Si Oiseau J'Etals, A Toi Je Vole (Henselt).

2. Romance (Sibelius).

3. Arabesque No. 1 (Debussy).

4. Prelude in B Minor, Op. 28, No. 6 (Chopin).

5. Nocturne in D Flat Major, Op. 27, No. 2 (Chopin).

6. Valse in E Minor (Posthumous—Chopin).

8.25 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.

Overture "Hamlet", Op. 67B (Tchaikovsky).... London Philharmonic Orchestra, cond. by Antal Dorati.

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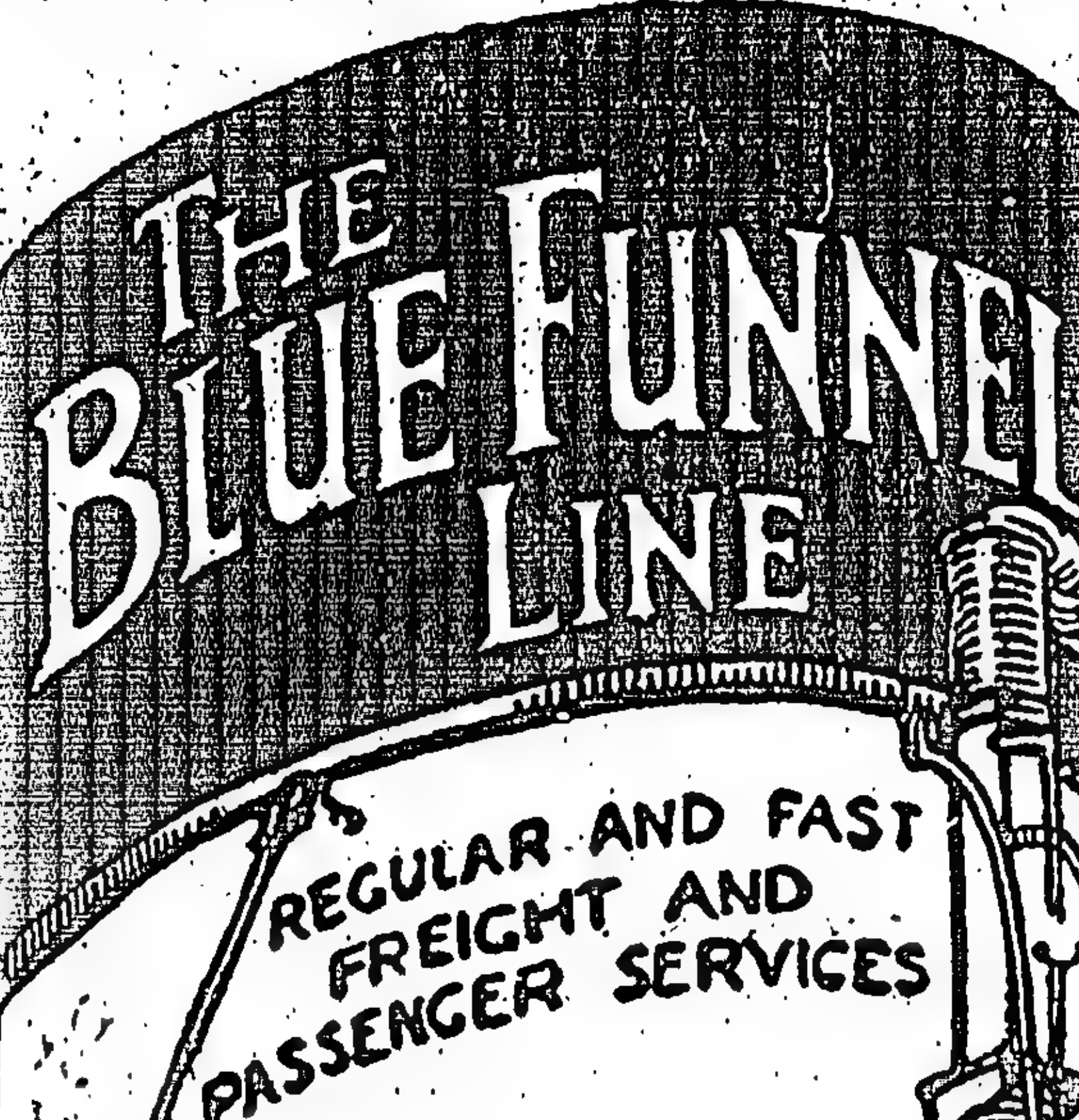
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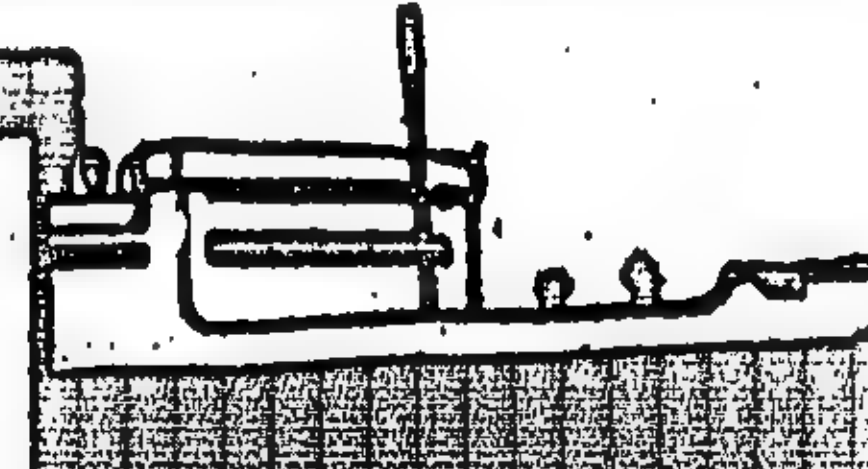
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This shows 36 posters by youthful artists between the ages of 5 and 14, illustrating Hitler's doom, with appropriate slogans urging how this may be brought about by subscribing to a School War Savings Group.

Among the posters are drawings of Hitler—Hanged on a clothes line; crushed between nutcrackers; depicted as a Colorado beetle pest; lowered into his coffin; lying finally at rest.

The "Hitler Corner" is only one feature of the show. Over 500 War Savings posters, all by school children of five years old upwards, will be on view.

One of the contributors is 15-year-old David Placzek, a refugee from Prague, who is helping the War Savings cause at Morpeth Grammar School.

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SALVAGE DRIVE SPEED-UP, BUT . . .

WASTED WASTE MAKES WIVES ANGRY

WIVES, CALLED ON to save waste, threatened with dire penalties if food is allowed to waste, promised that their old aluminium saucepans should be turned into bombers, old meat bones into glue, and so on, are turning on the instigators of the salvage scheme—for their waste of effort.

They are wondering if local authorities throughout the country have heard the call of the Minister of Supply to "Go to it." Some have, others (as Bebe Daniels would say) definitely have not.

For my inquiries over a wide area show that outside many a kitchen door good pig food, in the shape of dry crusts and left-over vegetables, has been allowed to moulder and become a trysting-place for flies and other undesirable of the insect world, simply because collection has not been organised, writes a correspondent.

Many women have told how they have been irritated to see the paper they have carefully sorted flung into the dust-cart without a thought.

But one Government Department, the Post Office, is doing well with its salvage and is taking steps to do better.

Shining Example

I made a tour of inspection in and around London. At Westminster I found the answer to the housewife's prayer, an organisation slick and thorough, pig food collected daily in trucks and by street cleaners from restaurants. The trucks are left outside blocks of flats and in streets. Housewives are able to empty in their pea shells, cabbage stalks and parings, the truck is taken to the head depot where its contents are deposited into the main truck which takes a ton of foodstuff a day to a depot supplying pig farms.

An official was proudly gloating over Westminster's latest salvage collection figures for the month. They were 272 tons of paper, 5 tons non-ferrous metal, 24 tons bottles, 1 ton bones, 57 tons ferrous metals, 5 tons textiles, 121 tons pig food. The figures are climbing month by month.

In Beckenham, Kent, I found the methods rather different. Householders are asked to put their kitchen waste in the front garden at the beginning of the week from where the street cleaner retrieves it, and to hand the second half of the week's lucky dip to the visiting dustmen.

In Richmond (Surrey) and in Hampstead (Middlesex) bins are

placed at strategic points—one bin to 12 houses, said a Richmond official, a statement challenged by a worried Richmond housewife, who had been tramping around, she said, in search of a spot to deposit her cabbage stalks and meat bones. From these bins the food is taken to a main depot.

Crusts Moulder

Then I reached Finchley. Clean paper and cardboard was, I was informed, collected once a week. On further investigation, I found that three sacks hooked on the back of the dustmen's truck, disgorging their overful load before their round was finished, was the only preparation.

Metal is collected "when requested." There is no collection of kitchen waste. "We only have one lot of pigs in Finchley," I was told, "and they are amply fed from a canteen."

So Finchley's crusts and parings and cabbage leaves still moulder in the dust, although I did discover one Finchley housewife who was so keen that she took her waste periodically to Hampstead's bins—by car!

SHOULD BUSES STOP IN RAIDS?

Incidents in a London suburb after the sirens had sounded may become the basis of a test case to clarify the question of operating bus services during air raids.

In this suburb, a number of buses stopped and, despite the protests of passengers, the drivers refused to go on.

In the next few days it is hoped to arrange a meeting between representatives of the Ministry of Transport, London Transport, and the Transport and General Workers' Union, at which the matter will be discussed fully.

Men's Position

"We are ready to investigate any complaints made by passengers at any time," say London Transport.

"We agree it is desirable that services should be kept working as near normal as possible," the Transport and General Workers' Union states, "but we also feel that the point of view of the men out on the road in a raid must be considered."

The Central Bus Committee of the Transport Union has given a pledge to support any member against whom disciplinary action is taken as a result of the decision to cease running.

EGGS ARE TO COST MORE

The maximum retail price of all categories of eggs except preserved ones, has been raised by 3d. per dozen by a Ministry of Food Order.

The egg price muddle is thus to be cleared up, as usual, at the consumers' expense.

The immediate object is to provide a margin for the retailer. Under a previous system, by which the retail price alone was fixed, producers have been demanding, and getting, as much as, or even more than, the retailer was allowed to charge his customers.

In order to prevent the retailer from losing money the Order, therefore, fixes maximum wholesale prices, ranging from 20s. for 120 ungraded eggs to 27s. 6d. for 120 category A. The retailer will thus have a margin of 2½d. per dozen.

ANTI-NAZI REFUGEES BULLIED

Protests and fresh stories of the muddled and unsympathetic handling of anti-Hitler refugees continue to be made.

One woman writes: "A refugee friend of mine, an active and courageous opponent of the Nazis, who came to this country after the Gestapo threatened her with immediate arrest, was recently interned in this country. Why?"

Because her husband is serving a 15 years' sentence in a German prison, on account of anti-Hitler activities.

The police court who had her case under review decided that, notwithstanding the fact that they had no reason to distrust her, she had to be arrested, because, in view of the fact that her husband was in the hands of the Nazis, Hitler's agents might be able to press her into their service.

Risked Life

She points out that if this argument is valid, wives and relatives of British prisoners of war in Germany ought to be interned, as they are not less liable to yield to Nazi pressure than a woman who has lived under Nazi rule and risked life in the fight against it.

She also alleges that at Holloway Prison, Nazi internees are kept with anti-Nazis, whom they frequently insult. Why, she asks, are anti-Nazi militants compelled to continue to live in close touch with their most hated enemies?

Nazis it is alleged, enjoy privileges which are denied to Britain's friends.

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CRICKET NOTES

GLUT OF CENTURIES MARK OPENING OF CRICKET SEASON

Heavy Summer Rains Have Left Perfect Wickets

T. G. C. KNIGHT A FIND FOR HONG KONG C.C.

By "Adrem"

I SUPPOSE THE HEAVY RAINS THAT FELL DURING JULY AND AUGUST HAD AN INDIRECT EFFECT ON THE GLUT OF HEAVY SCORING THAT HAS MARKED THE OPENING OF THE CURRENT CRICKET SEASON.

As a general rule a complete season rarely brings more than half a dozen centuries all told and here we are now, with only two fairly complete blocks of matches played, well on to that number already.

Over the week-end, 100's were scored by G. N. Gosano and A. J. Hulse—on Saturday—Capt. D. C. E. Grose, on Sunday, while Norman Broadbridge, playing for No. 3 (M.G.) Company, of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps against University, only failed to reach the coveted three figures by a margin of six runs.

To my mind, there is little doubt that the prolonged rest that most of the grounds had, because of the Summer rainfall, is the cause. Wickets are very nice and grassy and true although a trifle on the slow side. Until we have our usual prolonged Winter drought period I think we shall continue to have high scoring.

A most remarkable match on Saturday was that between Civil Service and Recreio or should I say the Gosanos! Members of the latter family were very much in the picture, L. G. taking 7 for 6 and G. N. making 101 not out. Apart from these two performances there is little that calls for comment unless it be Fortescue's great effort to stop the Civil Service rot, and Baker's fine spell of bowling for Civil Service in his first match for some time.

Recreio Team Promising

The Civil Servants as a whole were right out of practice, this being their first game, whereas Recreio have been out about three times. Nevertheless, the King's Park side were without their skipper and were otherwise not at full strength and so their convincing win seems to indicate a good season for them, as C.S.C. were very strong on paper.

At Chater Road, the Craigen-gower team was very much a beginning-of-the-season outfit but, despite this, and the fact that most of the members of the opposing team had played on one or more occasions, they did quite well and I was told that if they had possessed but one decent bowler, they would have won.

One fact emerged clearly from this match—T. G. C. Knight is a definite find for Club. He bowled very useful stuff to take 4 for 20; shaped very well whilst making 18 runs and took a catch in the slips that was definitely worth writing Home or to Australia about.

Hamson, who was causing the Club attack quite a bit of trouble, nicked one past the wicket-keeper and Knight went out full length on his left side to take the ball about an inch from the ground. That savours of Owen Hughes at his best.

N. D. Booker gave another useful display with the bat, producing some nice shots and hitting hard in his 31. Club might do well to give Booker some experience in the first team. Apart from the two Club cricketers mentioned above, Dewar was the only other to impress at all, his in-swingers netting him three wickets at a cost of 28 runs.

Two Left-Handers Open

For Craigen-gower, George Souza, who has not handled a bat in the nets or in a match since last season, played some good shots in his 57, while Hamson played a typical innings of 20.

In the bowling line the Happy Valley club were not too well

served. Souza did not wish to start off too violently and so did not open and A. H. Esmail and A. K. Ismail went on first. Both were left-handers—rather unusual two left-handers opening the bowling. Esmail bowled some useful stuff and will probably be given further opportunities of proving himself but Ismail developed a strain in his side after bowling three overs and that finished him for the afternoon.

I'm afraid Craigen-gower will badly miss F. R. Zimmern this year and until Billimoria returns from Japan, they will probably have a good deal of leather-hunting in store for them.

A good opening partnership between John Fenton and D. Chelliah and the fine all-round form of A. J. Hulse, marked the match at Pokfulam between University and Diocesan Boys' School. It may be recalled that when at school some five or six years ago, Hulse was one of the outstanding schoolboy cricketers in the Colony but on being transferred to Canton after leaving, he faded out of the picture. For the last two seasons he has played for Craigen-gower with only mediocre success but back again where he learned his cricket, he has evidently settled down to all his old form and Saturday's century and 4 for 52 will probably be the forerunner of many useful performances on the cricket field.

The University catching was bad and Hulse was put down several times but his innings, which took him only 79 minutes, was described as a hurricane affair and a very nice one to watch.

I'm afraid the match at the Valley between Police and K.C.C. side did not produce the feats the published figures would suggest. For instance Danbrowsky—I am not picking on him, his name was specially mentioned—bowled Mills with a ball which bounced three times! He improved in taking Luke's wicket—the ball yanked his victim on the second bounce!

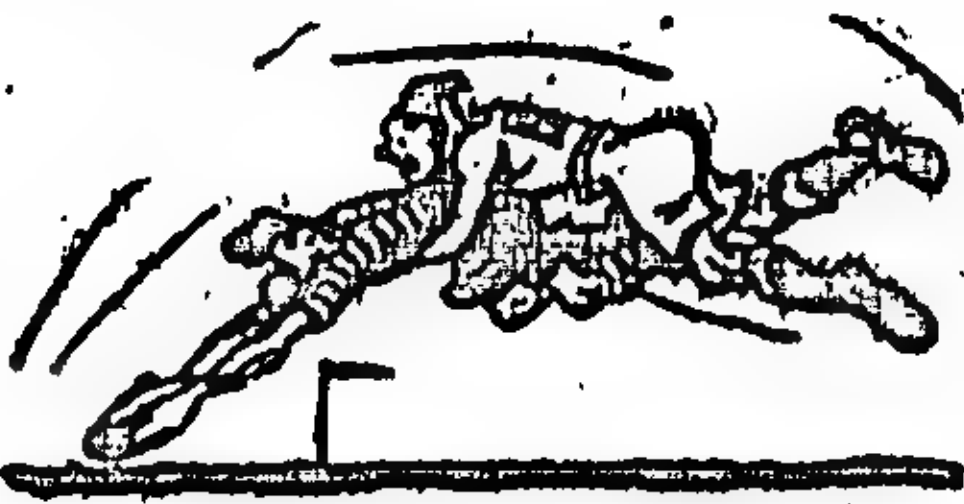
Scorer's Lapse

Rapley scored 36 and Anderson 24 not out for K.C.C., while I am told that Zimmern, who was credited with 17 in the score-book would have had 25 had scorer Giffen not been "asleep" when Zimmern scored two of his best fours and Giffen failed to record them! Burch took 4 for 12 and Luke 2 for 1 but I believe Mills, with 0 for 27 in 8 overs bowled as well as anybody in the side.

Carey made 21, the only double-figure score, before being run out, while Danbrowsky suffered a similar fate when he responded to a very bad call.

Indian Recreation Club, with a much-depleted side owing to the month of Ramadan or fast, had a sorry afternoon of it against Army and had one of their worst trouncings for some years.

The importance of A. R. Minu-



CARTER UPSETS CLUB "A"

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

A FINE, AGGRESSIVE DISPLAY BY CARTER AT FLY HALF ENABLED NAVY "A" TO BEAT CLUB "A" BY A GOAL AND TWO TRIES (11 PTS.) TO A TRY (3 PTS.) AFTER LEADING 6-0 AT THE INTERVAL IN THEIR RUGBY MATCH AT THE VALLEY YESTERDAY.

Club made three changes in their side, van Leeuwen, Stark and King being absentees and being replaced by Stout, Thompson and Kennedy. Navy were without Slough, Honeywell, Brewer and Hurley, and Moxham, Faulkner, Wilson and Richards were brought in to complete the side.

I have never seen Carter play better. His handling was unusually good, despite a slippery ball, he was never caught in possession, he knew the shortest way to the Club line, he tackled brilliantly and he kicked very accurately to touch with either foot. His only fault yesterday was weak passing.

McGill, the Shanghai Interporter, revealed pace on the wing and he is likely to prove a valuable acquisition to the Navy side.

Slow Heeling Pack

A slow heeling Club pack, handicapped their backs to such an extent that they did not have one passing movement throughout the game. Clemo had a rough time at the base of the scrum, but came back for more every time, Morgan had one nice break through, but his handling was always unreliable. Kennedy and Heasman were the pick of the pack.

Club started off with 12 men and were 3-0 down in almost the first minute when Carter pounced on a loose ball and went over in the corner, Wilson failing with the kick. After the only real bout of passing in the game Navy again scored when McGill crossed close in, only for Carter to fail with the kick. In the second half Castleton attempted to land a penalty goal from far out but failed with a heavy ball. Soon after Carter intercepted a pass from Clemo to Morgan, punted over Thompson's head and just managed to get the touch down. Wilson easily converted and Navy led 11-0. Club then rallied well and Stewart, who had up to then not exerted himself unduly, intercepted a high pass and went over between the posts, only to fail to convert his own effort. Clemo almost broke through in the closing minutes, but Club failed to score again.

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AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS FETCH GOOD PRICES

GOODS PRICES WERE BID FOR THE BATCH OF AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS OFFERED FOR SALE AT THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB PADDOCK YESTERDAY, ONE OF THE ELEVEN PONIES FETCHING \$8,100 AND ANOTHER \$8,000.

Following is the full result of yesterday's sale:—

No. 2, Bay mare by Trivento out of Cirus Queen, four years, 14.3 hands, \$1,600; No. 6, Brown mare by Dignus out of Lady Mecca, four years, 14.3 hands, \$8,100; No. 10, Grey gelding by Balkan King out of Mary Mac, four years, 14.3 hands, \$4,700; No. 15, Chestnut mare by Jim Marsh out of Songster, six years, 14.3 hands, \$2,400; No. 20, Bay mare by Kenicost out of Lang Franc mare, six years, 14.3 hands, \$3,100; No. 26, Bay gelding by Farr out of Bounty, six years, 14.3 hands, \$8,000; No. 29, Bay mare by Linfairn out of Valtune, five years, 14.3 hands, \$3,100; No. 36, Bay mare by Parsee out of Clever Mary, four years, 14.3 hands, \$2,400; No. 40, Bay mare by Magnesia out of Infidelity, five years, 14.3 hands, \$2,900; No. 45, Bay gelding by Pacolet out of Prudence, five years, 14.3 hands, \$2,400; No. 49, Chestnut mare by Richmond Main out of Lady Bi-plane, four years, 14.2 hands, \$2,000.

VARSIITY BADMINTON MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong University Badminton Club was held last Monday when Mr. P. K. Hooi was re-elected Chairman and Mr. S. L. Yong was elected Captain of the team for the coming season.

The following other officers were elected: Hon. Secretary, H. F. Chew; Assistant Hon. Sec. T. Chin; Vice-Captain, C. K. Cheah, Committee, K. S. Chat, C. W. Hooi, P. S. Bun, T. B. Teoh and K. B. Law.

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Teams For Saturday

Following are Club's teams for Saturday:

1st XV v Navy at the Valley at 4.30 p.m.—Thompson; Stewart, Aitkenhead, Day and Bosanquet; Charter and Thomson; McCrea, Dunnett, Heasman; Gairdner, Needham; Kennedy, Hackett and Taylor.

"A" XV v Navy "A" at the Valley at 3.15 p.m.—Hopkins; Van Leeuwen, D. Hynes, Carruthers and Jones; Morgan and Clemo; Stout; Castleton, Lee; Stark, Davies; Thomas; Godfrey and A. N. Other.

Two changes have been made in the first fifteen. Godfrey has been dropped, and Needham has been returned to the second row to allow Hackett to go to the middle of the back row. Aitkenhead is in the centre and Charter at fly-half.

The team has been strengthened by these changes, but I would have preferred Carruthers in the centre in place of Day.

Dalziel was selected as the eighth forward in the "A" pack, but he is unavailable. I understand Rogers, who made his debut yesterday, will fill the vacancy.

MATTHEWS' FINE INNINGS

Despite to total of 206 for the loss of six wickets, to which C. N. Matthews contributed 124 not out, Arts were only able to draw with Medicals "B" at Pokfulam yesterday afternoon when the first of this year's cricket matches in the Inter-Faculty series was played. Matthews hit 24 boundaries.

The scores:

ARTS			
K. Lo, c and b Amplanah	10		
C. N. Matthews, not out	124		
A. Ahmed, b Chelliah	12		
Tam Kwong-ye, b N. Singh	17		
E. Mazuza, b N. Singh	0		
O. V. Cheung, b N. Singh	8		
B. S. Chowla, b N. Singh	1		
A. Ho, not out	14		
Extras (B19, NB1)	20		

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) 206
B. Ahmed, G. M. Derkach and Ho Wing-to did not bat.

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R. W.
Amplanah	9	0	51 1
Chelliah	11	0	73 1
N. Singh	7	0	62 4

MEDICALS "B"			
	O.	M.	R. W.
Chelliah, lbw, K. Y. Tam	20		
N. Singh, c Mazuza, b Matthews	35		
T. C. Pang, b K. Lo	31		
Amplanah, b K. Y. Tam	26		
L. H. Tan, not out	10		
L. Gutierrez, c and b K. Y. Tam	0		
J. Hooi, not out	14		
Extras (B15)	15		

Total (for 5 wks.) 154
M. S. Khoo, T. B. Teoh, L. H. Tan, Jr., and G. Schiller did not bat.

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R. W.
K. Y. Tam	6	0	36 3
K. Lo	7	0	54 1
C. N. Matthews	4	0	30 1
O. V. Cheung	3	0	12 0
E. Mazuza	1	0	5 0

I.R.C. Junior Team

The following will represent Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in a friendly cricket match against Civil Service C.C. on Saturday at Sookunpoo, at 2 p.m.—A. H. Ismail (Capt.), A. el Arculli, O. el Arculli, T. Hamet, A. Rahmin, M. A. Wahab, A. Ebrahim, J. M. A. Ramjahn, F. A. Curreen, M. I. Razack and O. Tallp. Scorer—S. E. Bux.

INTERNATIONAL XI

The following will represent International Athletic Club against Amateur Sporting Association in Third Division of the Football League on Saturday on the Chatham Road ground at 4.30 p.m.

S. Bux; V. M. Marques and D. d'Aquino; W. Wilkinson, A.A. Rumjahn and J. Tavares; H. Campos, R. Rocha, F. W. Iley, A. Leonard and W. Sprinkle (Capt.). Reserves, A. Rocha, I. Castilho, U. B. Souza and A. Elarto.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "Squaddy"

Rugby
Football

THE Army Rugby football season kicked off with a bang on Saturday with both teams registering a win. The 1st XV defeated the Club 1st XV by 9 points to 3. This year Army have an outstanding pack, and will want a lot of watching, especially Captain Douglas of the Royal Scots, and L/Bdr. Richards of the 8th Heavy Regt., R.A., who played a brilliant game. 2/Lt. Millar of the Royal Scots was outstanding in the lineouts. Lieut. Coombes of the Medical Corps, who is also a keen cricketer, is a good three-quarter and very fast with the ball when he gets going. Captain Douglas scored two tries and Richards the other.

The "A" team defeated the Club "A" by trouncing them to the tune of 19 points to nil. They were led by Capt. Hewitt of the Middlesex Regiment, who plays rather well in the pack, and was backed up by Cpl. Bedford of the Signals and 2/Lt. Bompas of the H.K.S.R.A. Giblin was the pick of the three-quarters and scored two tries, the other scorers being Picton, and Ferguson. Keeble converted twice. This week the Army 1st XV will play the Police at Boundary Street, kick off 4.30 p.m.

On Monday the Middlesex second team defeated a weak Signals team by 15 points to nil. The Middles pack played a sound game with Cpl. Gilham playing an excellent game and scoring two tries. Thomson also scored two and Wilson the other; none were converted.

THE Army cricket teams were seen in action for the first time this season and did rather well to win two matches and draw the other. The 1st XI played the Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo and won by 157 runs. The I.R.C. had a weak team out and only had nine men for most of the game, but just the same I think the Army would have won. L/Cpl. Logan made a brilliant 58 runs hitting 10 fours, Cpl. Shaw made 55 not out, hitting one six and six fours, 2/Lt. T. A. Pearce scored a fine 40, and Sgt. Denyer 32 not out.

The second XI were lucky to win by 14 runs against the I.R.C. second team. Major Swyer of the Medical Corps made the highest score with 27 runs, and 2/Lt. Ansarir made 12. The tail end of the Army team did not wag, as the saving goes.

The best game of the week-end

POPPY DAY SOCCER TEAM

At the Management Committee meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night it was decided that the Annual Charity match on Armistice Day between United Services and Rest of Colony be held on Club ground on November 11 at 4 p.m.

The game is to be of 90 minutes' duration.

Prior to this game the Annual football match between Referees and the Press will be played.

The following have been chosen to represent the Rest:

Cheung Wing-choi (Sing Tao); Blackburn (Police) and Lee Ting-sang (Sing Tao); Pope (Police), Williamson (Kowloon) and Hsu King-seng (Eastern); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern), Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao) (Capt.), Chan Tak-fai (South China), Lee Wai-long (South China) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—D. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Tsang Chung-wan (South China), Fowler (Club), Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao), Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern), Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) and Howlett (Police).

Manager:—Mr. R. M. Omar.

Fraser of Royal Scots was suspended indefinitely by the Emergency Committee for violent conduct off the field of play against a referee after the Second Division game between Royal Scots and Kit Chee, and Chan Kwong-yeo of Police was sentenced till November 20 for foul play during the First Division game between Police and St. Joseph's last Sunday.

WIN FOR JOSS

The R.H.K.Y.C. Sweepstake race called yesterday resulted as follows:

MIXED CLASS		
	Finished	Corr. Pos.
Joss	10.30.38	1
(Major G. E. Neve)		
La Linda	10.40.10	2
(Mr. H. H. Browne)		
Jean	10.40.23	3
(Capt. R. Lawder)		
Artemis	10.43.34	4
(Mr. C. C. Blake)		
Gull	10.44.45	5
(Capt. A. O. G. Mills)		
Alisa	10.52.11	10.51.20.6
(Capt. W. A. Ingram)		

was between the Army 1st eleven and the Kowloon Cricket Club played on the K.C.C. ground on Sunday. The Army batted first and scored 236 for 6 declared. Major Grose, who has just taken over the duties of Area Cricket Officer, made a brilliant 105, and was well backed by L/Cpl. Logan, who made 44, and Sgt. Webb, 42. The Club replied with 230 for seven, and were unlucky to have had to withdraw owing to the light. I think that they would have won since only 7 runs were needed to win.

The Royal Scots were beaten, by the Kowloon second XI in a friendly, by 3 wickets last Saturday. Major Godley was the highest scorer with 19 runs, Pte. Bate-man 13, Cpl. Alsey 11, and Pte. Peacock 16. The Scots were all out for 87 and the Club made 114. Emmerson of the Royals took four wickets for 13 runs, and he started off well with three wickets for only two runs in his first two overs.

The R.A.P.C. defeated the Signals by 35 runs last Saturday. Neither side played brilliant cricket, and the Pay Corps were very lucky to win. The Signals should have had them all out for less than 20, but owing to the bad fielding by the Sigs and many catches being dropped, the Signals deserved to lose. Cpl. Ingelby took 4 wickets for 13 runs, and Taylor 6 for 12. Dixon took 8 for 27, and Cpl. Blount 2 for 20 for the Signals. To-day the Signals will play the Service Corps at Sookunpoo, game commencing at 2 p.m.

THE Departmental Corps League Shield games are now under way, and last week brought us the following results:—R.A.S.C.

lost to the H.K. Signal Coy by 3 goals to nil, Holland scoring twice and Price once. The R.A.O.C. lost to the Royal Air Force to the tune of 7 goals to 2, and the

R.A.M.C. beat their old rivals, the Combined Military Hospital, by 2 goals to 1. On Monday the H.K. Signal Coy defeated the R.A.M.C. by 1 goal to nil in their second game, Cpl. Blount scoring the goal.

At Shamshui, on Sunday, the Middlesex Regiment's Band played the 5th/7th Rajputs Band and defeated them by 6 goals to 1. It was a good clean game, and very fast. L/Cpl. Geary, the Middles' Captain played an excellent game in the defence.

THE Softball season opened last week-end, and the Sappers were given a surprise by Royal Air Force, who beat them 12-11.

The Sappers were rather shaken by their defeat, and I think that the Airmen will go a long way in the League this year. The Royal Scots, who are making their debut at Softball this season, were beaten after a good game by the Cosmopolitans,

19-18. The 8th Heavy Regt. were defeated heavily by the Liga Portuguesa Club, 10-0.

BOTH the service teams in Senior Division will have to play much better football in the future if they hope to finish in the top half of the

Association League. The Middlesex are not doing so well with only

three points out of eight, and the Royal Scots have secured four points out of eight. The Sappers in Second Division are still holding their 100 per cent. record and have a good goal average with 31 goals for and 4 against. The Service Corps are a close second having dropped one point. The Royal Air Force have also got a 100 per cent. record and they beat the Sappers second team last Saturday 3-1.

THE Garrison Billiards will soon be getting under way and so far the following teams have entered for the Competition. 7th A.A. Bty.

R.A., R.A.M.C., R.A.S.C., R.A.P.C., Corps of Military Police, and the 20th Heavy Bty., R.A. The Royal Scots have not yet entered but I know that they are getting a team together for this competition.

BLACKMAILING LEVER

Strength Of French Air Force In Africa

ISOLATED AIR RAIDS YESTERDAY

Enemy air activity over Britain yesterday was confined to a few isolated attacks by single aircraft, states an Air Ministry communique issued last night.

Bombs were dropped by these aircraft on towns in the South-East coast and two places in the London area.

Slight damage only was caused and there were no casualties, except at one place in London where the number was very small.—Reuter.

Houses Damaged

It is now known that bombs were also dropped at some other places in the London area, states a later Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique, giving further details of raids during daylight yesterday.

A town in the east Midlands and a town in Kent also suffered from the bombing.

In each of these areas, some houses were damaged and casualties were caused.

The latter are not numerous but a small number of persons was killed.—Reuter.

GIFTS FOR PLANES

MORE GIFTS FOR PLANES CONTINUE TO REACH BRITAIN.

The Madras Governor's War Fund has sent £15,000 to buy

Attempt To Force Petain To Toe Line

THE PRESENT EFFECTIVE strength of the French air force in North Africa is believed to amount to no more than 500 modern planes.

Other aircraft of this air fleet which, according to one estimate, was originally 1,200 strong are thought to be now obsolete.

Most of the planes are based in Morocco. Reserves and spares are lacking.

Yesterday's Berne report that France's North African Air Force figured in the demands reported to have been made recently on the Vichy Government is interesting in light of these estimates.

They may give a clue to the methods by which the Axis powers had hoped to get Marshal Petain finally to toe the line.

It is possible that the fate of the French Air Force in North Africa was raised as an additional blackmailing lever to obtain the "co-operation" of France's Mediterranean fleet which Germany and Italy must covet far more than a few hundred planes.

Vichy's Choice

The Vichy Government may have been faced with the choice of using this air force and navy

three "Spitfires," while the North-West Frontier Provinces Fund has now passed the £10,500 mark.

The name "Gibraltar" is to be given to a "Spitfire" subscribed for by British residents of The Rock.—Reuter.

against Britain or turning both over to the Axis.

The statement made in August that the Petain Government were or had been handing over to the Axis the 800 aircraft from North Africa is not believed.

Probably not more than 150 were in fact flown over to Marseilles.—Reuter.

HITLER'S HIGH-PRESSURE POLITICAL OFFENSIVE

(Continued on Page 1)

nel ports and the so-called "closed areas," stretching from the Swiss frontier across Burgundy to the Belgian frontier and the Somme.

Proposals Rejected

These proposals were submitted to the Vichy Government and examined at a special meeting of the Council and following an agitated discussion, were rejected by a majority. Marshal Petain and General Weygand, supported by several other Ministers, spoke against acceptance. What decided the issue, state the Swiss newspapers, was the consideration that the Vichy Government could not prevent the French colonies from declaring for de Gaulle should the proposals be accepted.

Three In Favour

Laval, Baudoin and Admiral Darlan, it is stated, supported acceptance of the demands.

Following the rejection of the demands, says the "Volksrecht," of Zurich, M. Laval went to Paris again when he began fresh negotiations.

The "Volksrecht's" correspondent declares: "It is believed that these events were the reason for Mr. Churchill's broadcast on Monday to the French people."

It is declared that the opposition between Marshal Petain and M. Laval has become more acute and it is believed that M. Laval has been obliged to conduct his negotiations with Hitler and Ribbentrop on a new basis.

Weygand's Tour

In these circumstances, great importance is attached to General Weygand's journey to North Africa, with which may be connected the official Vichy statement that France intends to defend her Empire against every eventual aggressor.

The American authorities in Vichy, according to this correspondent, have advised all Americans to leave France.

Laval For Vichy

It is reported from Vichy, according to the German News Agency in Berlin, that M. Pierre Laval, Vice-Premier in the Petain Government, is now en route there from Paris. He was to report to Marshal Petain immediately on his arrival.—Reuter.

"Comradely Friendship"

An announcement in the English broadcast by the Hamburg Radio last night confirmed that a

TRYING TO KEEP U.S. OUT

Yet another reason for the Hitler-Laval meeting, namely, that it is part of a great Axis political offensive to prevent American entry into the war, comes from Berlin, according to Reuter's Zurich correspondent cabling last night.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" states that Germany is most anxious to put American intervention right out of the question before the Presidential election.

Newspapers in Germany, says the correspondent, are bringing Spain into the same picture.

They speculate that if France could be induced to fight on Germany's side, Spain could no longer keep out.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

A total of 65 Japanese passengers are expected to leave Bombay soon in a Japanese ship, according to the Delhi wireless.

Another Japanese ship is sailing from Bombay later with more Japanese, including, it is expected, almost all Japanese women and children in Bombay.—Reuter.

NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE PROCEEDING BETWEEN THE HUNGARIAN AND RUMANIAN TRADE DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN INTERRUPTED, ACCORDING TO A BUCHAREST TELEGRAM TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY IN BERLIN.—REUTER.

Hitler arrived at the Franco-Spanish front by special train.

A small station in occupied France, the name of which is not given, was decorated with Spanish and German flags.

A special train bringing General Franco arrived shortly afterwards.

Hitler cordially greeted Franco on the platform, and then welcomed Senor Suner.—Reuter.

THE U.S. WAR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IT IS TRANSFERRING TWO AIR CORPS SQUADRONS TO THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. IT DECLINES TO SAY HOW MANY PLANES ARE INVOLVED.—REUTER.

No Surprise

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

The news that Hitler and Ribbentrop have arrived at the Franco-Spanish frontier and are conferring with General Franco and Senor Suner has created no surprise in London, where it is regarded as indicative of Germany's resort to her characteristic method of diplomatic blackmail.

The German desire to discuss political matters with Suner during the latter's recent visit to Berlin was ill-conceived, and when Suner adhered to his curriculum, which allowed him only to discuss and examine the inner workings of the Nazi system and precluded him from making any political commitment on behalf of his Government, German annoyance must have been considerable.

The desire for such discussions—whose object would clearly be to bring Spain more closely into line with the Axis policy—remains and is evidenced by the latest "dramatic" move.

Risk Of Setback

Hitler may think that by direct personal contact with General Franco he will be able to brush aside the difficulties which have hitherto faced his henchmen.

He may calculate that General Franco, flattered by his visit, will be tempted into departing from the policy of non-involvement which have hitherto been adopted as the best suited to the real interests of Spain.

To achieve this end, Hitler has departed from his customary dictatorial practice of summoning other statesmen to his presence and risked a setback to his dignity should anything short of complete success result from his lengthy journey.—Reuter.

STALIN TO RECEIVE JAPANESE ENVOY

Stalin himself will receive the new Japanese Ambassador to Moscow on Saturday, when the latter presents his credentials, says the German radio.—Reuter.

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HITLER TALKS ON INTO NIGHT

Effort To Swing Franco Over Into Axis Camp

FATEFUL DECISION TO-DAY?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

France is nearing a fateful decision to-day in connection with Hitler's comprehensive proposals for the future of West Europe and the Mediterranean.

As the vanquished nation's leaders debate far into the night, the possibility arises that Marshal Petain himself may soon have an interview with Hitler.

After a day-long session yesterday, during which he presented the German proposals, M. Laval left once more for Paris, only to return again because of dense fogs. He plans to leave to-morrow. — International News Service.

Long Meeting

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Vichy Council of Ministers has held a long meeting. — Havas.

Strong Arm Policy

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNITED STATES HAS SERVED NOTICE THAT SHE WILL DEFEND THE PHILIPPINES AS STRONGLY AS ANY STATE IN THE UNION.

Two simultaneous moves develop the clear-cut re-affirmation of America's new "big stick" Far East policy.

First, Colonel Knox, U.S. Secretary of the Navy, told his press conference that the Fleet is ready to meet any aggressive threat to the Philippines.

Second, the War Department

JAPANESE LEAVING BOMBAY

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Another Japanese ship is sailing from Bombay later with more Japanese, including, it is expected, almost all Japanese women and children in Bombay. — Reuter.

THE UNITED STATES HAS FORMALLY PROTESTED TO ITALY AGAINST THE BOMBING OF AMERICAN OIL PROPERTIES IN SAUDI ARABIA.

The Assistant Secretary of State delivered the protest yesterday to the Italian Ambassador.

The protest did not apply to the bombing of American properties on the Island of Bahrain. — Reuter.

EVACUATION COSTS TO BE CUT BY U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In response to the very strong protests from Shanghai, the U.S. Department of State has announced that regular First Class and Second Class rates will be charged evacuees from the Far East.

Even lower rates will be charged for "emergency cot accommodations."

The Government guaranteed to absorb any operating loss sustained by the shipping companies. — INS.

Four-Country Meeting Mooted

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE HITLER/FRANCO MEETING LAST NIGHT ON THE FRANCO/SPANISH FRONTIER IS IN SWIFT FURTHERANCE OF THE DRIVE TO BRING SPAIN AND FRANCE INTO THE AXIS PROGRAMME FOR THE DOMINATION OF THE WEST MEDITERRANEAN AND NORTH-WEST AFRICA.

The totalitarian heads of the German and Spanish states held two talks in a railway car near San Sebastian in the afternoon.

An official announcement says that the meeting, held in the presence of Ribbentrop and Suner, started at noon, and that the "talks were conducted in the spirit of hearty and comradely association between the two nations."

They mutually withdrew to the French and Spanish sides of the frontier for dinner, after which came the night session.

The momentous personal meeting of the dictators promises to produce a dramatic turn to the war which some circles think may involve a "squeeze play" to seize Gibraltar and thus bar Britain's western access to the Mediterranean.

It may be noted in this connection that the Zurich, Switzerland, newspaper, "Volksrecht" reports that one of the German proposals made to M. Laval calls for the cession of the northern part of French Morocco to Spain—presumably for the "push" to capture Gibraltar.

with Marshal Petain and immediately went back to Paris.

Meanwhile, Vichy was naturally buzzing with comments about the Laval/Hitler talks, which have assumed a sensational character, although rumours about them have been current for some days.

Authorised circles are most reserved, but admit that the conference has exceptional importance for "France's future." There is no confirmation of various published reports, and newspapermen have been warned to beware of "too much guessing."

The only definite indication is that Franco-German cooperation is the left motif behind the parleys, although no details are (Continued on Page 16)

AMERICANS WARNED IN BERLIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports reaching Rome from Berlin state that a significant episode occurred in the newspapermen's quarters there.

American correspondents were warned by the competent authorities that they must not consider themselves as observers at the service of the Axis' enemies.

The warning was issued following numerous hypotheses, speculations and forecasts in connection with the Hitler/Laval conversations, practically tantamount to "political espionage," as Berlin official quarters put it. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: — S. W. winds; moderate, probably veering to N. and N.E. and freshening; cloudy generally, rain later.

Serious Split

The whole Nazi programme has evoked a serious split in the Vichy Government, Marshal Petain and the majority opposing the plan, and Laval, Baudouin and Admiral Darlan being in favour of it.

General Weygand, Minister of War, who is now in Morocco, is reported to be among the opposition.

Round-Table Conference?

Events involving the immediate future role of both France and Spain appear to be taking shape rapidly, with Hitler personally directing the Axis push in south-west Europe in the wake of German advances through Rumania in the south-east.

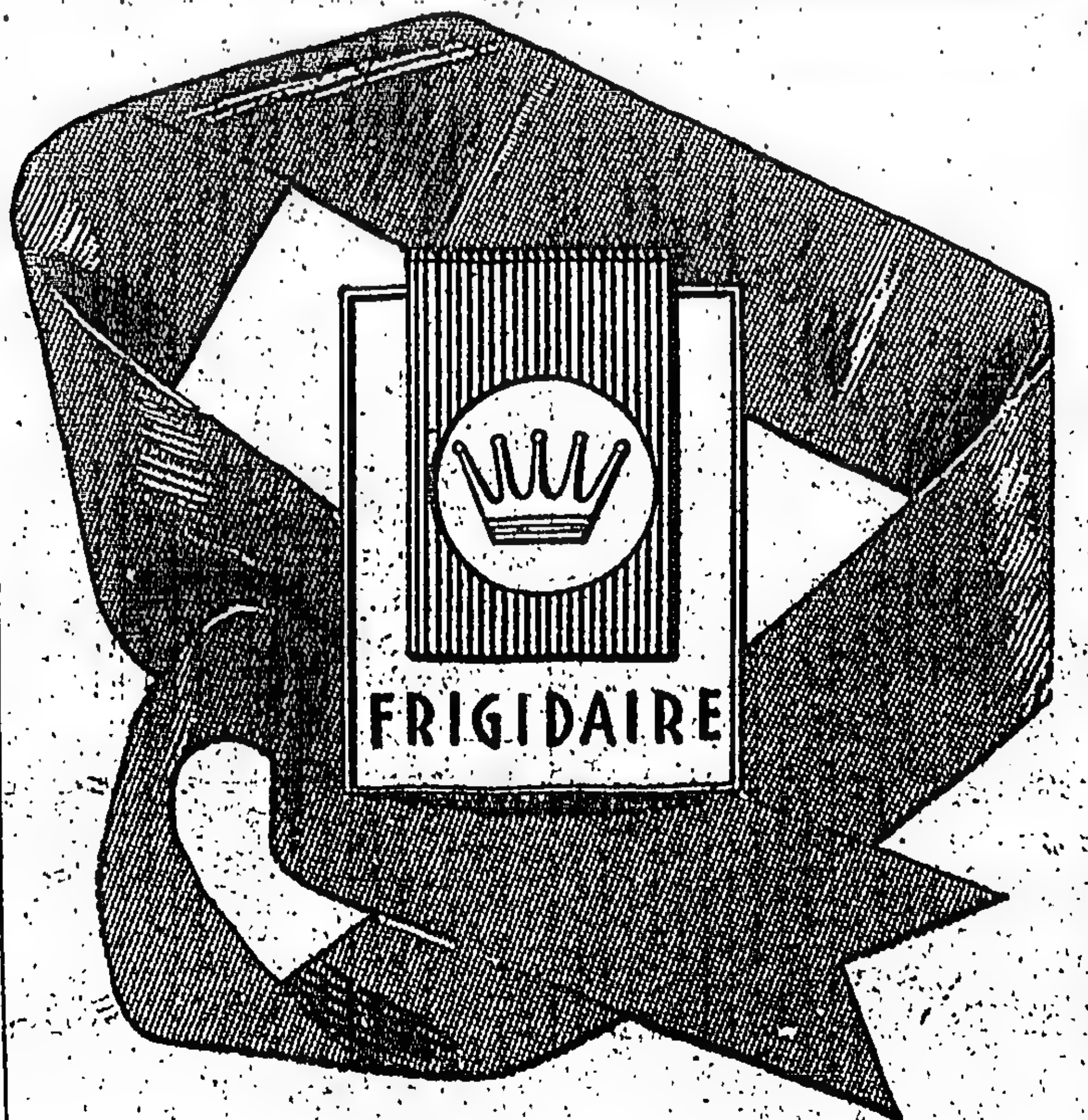
Himmler, the Gestapo chief, who arrived in Spain on Sunday, evidently arranged the Hitler/Laval meeting.

Some reports hint that a round-table conference composed of Germany, Italy, France and Spain to reach sweeping settlements of outstanding questions may result from the current consultations. — International News Service.

Vichy Buzzing With Rumours

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

After his parleys with Hitler, M. Laval returned to Vichy, conferred



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INVASION DANGER NOT PAST

But Damage Done On Long Coastline Is Enormous

Tremendous Havoc By Royal Air Force

THE INVASION DANGER IS NOT CONSIDERED PAST IN LONDON AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS ALTHOUGH THE DAMAGE DONE TO ENEMY PREPARATIONS ALONG 2,000 MILES OF INVASION COAST FROM NARVIK TO BORDEAUX IN THE LAST SIX WEEKS HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS.

Along the Dutch, Belgian and French coasts, docks, barracks, aerodromes, power stations, railways and naval arsenals have been wrecked by the Royal Air Force.

It was revealed last night that at Dunkirk, the quays between two of the main docks and several buildings have been levelled to the ground.

At Brest, the attacks on arsenals and aerodromes have been equally successful. At Calais, buildings at the south-east end of the dry-dock have been destroyed by fire, the east side of the dock damaged, and the lock between the inner basin and the navigation port have suffered considerably.

According to one report, the electricity works are nearly completely destroyed.

At Lorient, buildings on the jetty have been directly hit and damage done to the torpedo boat station. Many casualties were caused among the German troops stationed there when nearby barracks were hit.

Ships Sunk

Outside the harbour, mines laid by British planes have sunk several ships. There is every reason to believe that the courage and determination of the R.A.F. pilots attacking the invasion bases has done much to undermine the confidence of the enemy.

Enemy concentrations of men and material have been bombed incessantly since September 3 and from every source evidence has been forthcoming of heavy damage inflicted on the foe.—Reuter.

Cherbourg Shock

It is now clear that the naval bombardment and air attack on Cherbourg a few days ago took the enemy by surprise.

It appears the shore defences mistook the naval bombardment for part of the air attack for the only response to the fire from the British ships was marked intensification of A.A. fire of all types.

It was not until after the bombardment ceased and the British force had withdrawn that the enemy's heavy batteries replied to the naval guns.

The threat of invasion still persists and will persist as long as naval units, barges, troops and air forces are concentrated along the extensive coastline of the enemy occupied countries.

They are still there and while they remain, the "invasion" ports will doubtless continue to be battered by bombers of R.A.F. whenever it is considered necessary.—British Wireless.

GOVERNOR OF ADEN

The King has been pleased to accept the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Bernard Reilly, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Aden, and has approved the appointment as his successor of Mr. S. Hattorn Hall, now British Resident in Zanzibar.

Sir Bernard Reilly, who is 58, had many years experience in Aden when it was administered from India and was appointed first Governor when the Colony was transferred to the Colonial Office in 1937.—British Wireless.

KING CAROL IN HOUSE CUSTODY

King Carol and Madame Lupescu are being kept under surveillance by the Spanish police, according to reports reaching New York.

Reports that they have been arrested are not confirmed, but it is stated that they have been moved to new quarters at a greater distance from the Portuguese frontier.

According to other reports, the extradition of the King and his favourite may be sought by the Rumanian authorities on charges arising from the death of Codreanu, former chief of the Iron Guard, during the Carol regime.—Reuter.

Later.

King Carol is reported to be staying at a hotel in Seville, says a Madrid message, and to be enjoying freedom—at least, inside the hotel, although he is "under vigilance."

Earlier reports said that he and Madame Lupescu had been taken from Seville to Granada.—Reuter.

D.E.I. OIL PARLEY

Both Britain and the United States have been kept fully informed of the negotiations going on in Batavia, Mr. Harold Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said in reply to questions in the House of Commons yesterday about oil supplies to Japan from the Netherlands East Indies.

No decision has yet been reached, he said, and the Government would continue to be kept informed of the progress of the discussions.

Any arrangements for the future rest entirely with the N.E.I. Government.

Asked whether strong representations will be made concerning the negotiations, Mr. Butler said that there is complete co-operation between the Governments concerned.—Reuter.

Mr. Butler stated that as the British Government were aware no agreement has yet been reached and the negotiations are continuing.—Reuter.

CRYPTIC COMMONS ANSWER

"We shall know how to deal with any further attacks by the forces of the Vichy Government."

Thus declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday when asked whether consideration would be given to reprisals against French forces supporting the Vichy Government who had been "carrying on a systematic bombardment of Gibraltar recently."

Asked whether he would admit that there had been bombardment of Gibraltar by the French Forces, Mr. Butler said: "No. It would not pay to add anything to what I have said or to infer anything from it. There was a certain incident and I have given a certain answer."—Reuter.

PRINCE VON STARHEMBERG IN AIR FORCE

Prince Von Starhemberg, former Austrian Vice-Chancellor, is now a lieutenant in the Free French Air Force, with pay and allowances of £1.4s. 11d. per day.

This was revealed by Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, when questioned on the subject in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

GERMAN SCHELDT DISASTER

More rumours are circulating about the failure of German attempts to land in Britain, says the Zurich newspaper "Volksrecht."

According to one report, barges for transporting troops were assembled at the mouths of the Scheldt and Rhine in September.

Some of the troops destined for the invasion are said to have shown "little desire to allow themselves to be embarked for these rides to heaven."

British bombers—so the rumour goes—dropped thousands of incendiary bombs, containing special inflammatory mixture, on the barges.

On reaching the water, the bombs are said to have made the rivers round the barges, a sea of flame.

Many German soldiers, it is declared, suffered terrible burns and are now in hospitals in occupied territory.

The "Volksrecht's" correspondent says that the Dutch public firmly believes this story and refers to "eye-witness evidence" in connection with it.—Reuter.

WILL MR. KENNEDY RETURN?

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, American Ambassador in London, left England yesterday by air for the United States.

Reports to the effect he would resign his appointment on his return home have appeared for some time in the Press accompanied by expressions of the keenest regret because Mr. Kennedy, his wife and his family have made themselves well liked in London during the three years of his Ambassadorship.—British Wireless.

Mr. Hull Silent

Disclaiming any knowledge of Ambassador Kennedy's plans, Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, told his press conference yesterday that "as far as I know," the Ambassador will be returning to his post in London.—Reuter.

SCALE OF INVASION PREPARATIONS REVEALED

DETAILS OF HITLER'S preparations for the invasion of England were officially disclosed last night in London.

The Air Ministry News Service points out that only part of the story can as yet be told but this part shows that from the first day that the enemy concentrated his forces in every available port and harbour, the Royal Air Force carried out reconnaissances.

In the early days of September, the reports these aircraft brought back showed only small concentrations of men and material but as time passed it became more and more imposing and, before long, hundreds of barges and other war materials were assembled at Antwerp, Calais, Dunkirk and Ostend.

Many barges were observed from the air daily, to be moving slowly from one canal to another. Small warships were also moved near the barges.

These barges were self-propelled, over 150 feet in length and each capable of carrying about two trainloads of men or material.

It was also known that Germany had commandeered every available barge over 500 tons and armies of workmen were employed in shipyards altering the bows of these vessels to enable tanks to be easily carried and disembarked.

Besides concentrations of barges there were also submarines in many harbours—some of ocean-going type—large motor-vessels, tugs and merchant ships.

Forty-five merchant ships were reported at Le Havre on one occasion.

Inland aircraft shelters were being built on many aerodromes from where it was expected enemy aircraft would assist in the invasion.

Railways, too, were particularly busy especially between Germany and the Low Countries.

R.A.F. Offensive

It was on September 5, that the strong R.A.F. offensive against the enemy began. Each invasion base, in turn, came in for heavy bombardment. Naval docks,

shipbuilding yards at Kiel, Hamburg and Bremen were bombed as well and extensive damage also done to occupied ports along the Dutch-Belgium coasts.

The Air Ministry News Service emphasises that until lately it would have been extremely unwise to let the enemy know how much we knew of his preparations or of the effect on them of R.A.F. hammering.—Reuter.

BRITISH EXPORT TRADE KEPT HIGH

DESPITE INTENSIFICATION of enemy activity, exports of United Kingdom goods were fully maintained in September.

This was the most notable feature of the latest trade returns which were issued to-day in London.

The average value of exports per working day in September actually exceeded the corresponding figure for August. Total exports of United Kingdom goods in September amounted to £31,000,000 which substantially exceeded the total of £23,000,000 in September, 1939.

After a year of war, overseas trade figures testify to the success of the British Export Council's efforts to find and develop alternative markets in view of prevailing European conditions.

During the six months ended August 31 last, the United Kingdom's exports to countries outside the European and Mediterranean areas, have been above the year earlier. The aggregate increase for the period is 39 millions or about 20 per cent.—Reuter.

PREMIER IN SCOTLAND

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by Mr. Churchill, paid a surprise visit on Tuesday to East Scotland for the purpose of inspecting the coast defences.

Accompanied by a number of British and Polish army officers, Mr. Churchill made an extensive tour on foot, by car, and by special train and expressed satisfaction with all the preparations he saw.—Reuter.

H. G. Wells Arouses The Ire Of Lord Winterton

Dangerous Man On A Lecture Tour

"I think it is dangerous to allow a man of this type to go to America," declared Lord Winterton in the House of Commons yesterday when in a lengthy attack on Mr. H. G. Wells, he questioned the propriety of Mr. Wells being granted an exit permit in order to carry on a lecture tour in the United States.

Lord Winterton referred to Mr. Wells's reference to Lord Halifax as the "quintessence of everything an Englishman should not be" and Mr. Wells's description of Lord Gort as "our praying general."

He added "I happen to be an extensive reader of Addison, Steel, and Pope. I can imagine one of them saying of this attack, 'Sir, these are indecent words, nay, they are worse, they are blackguardly'."

Mr. Wells, continued Lord Winterton, had for years been attacking our religion and constitution. Here Lord Winterton referred to an occasion when he (Lord Winterton) was present at a lunch in America at a meeting of an inter-governmental committee.

"There were present the Governor of New York State, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Eastern States, the Mayor of New York—himself a devout Catholic—representatives of the Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church and the Jewish religion. I was struck with the fact that throughout very eloquent speeches there rang a strong feeling of unity of different faiths and yet we allow Mr. Wells to go to the United States as representative of Britain and British literature—a man who prides himself as being an opponent of all religions and who says there is no such thing."

Lord Winterton added: "There is another and more sinister explanation of Mr. Wells's conduct. France was not only betrayed by her Laval and other traitors of the Right or Communists of the Left."

Sixth Columnists

"There was another class of sixth columnists who for years past had tried to shape the fate of Frenchmen in all the spiritual and material institutions of France. These people, like Mr. Wells, professed hatred of Nazism and they abused and insulted their fellow countrymen. Like Mr. Wells, they believed in nothing and nobody."

Captain O. Peake, Under-Secretary at the Home Office, declared that the grant of an exit permit did not give any sort of official standing or status.—Reuter.

A Fatal Idea

Replying to the criticisms the Under-Secretary at the Home Office said he thought it would be fatal if the idea got about in the United States that the British Government were only going to permit to proceed to that country those whose views were favourable to the Government in office in Britain.

He had no doubt Mr. Wells was a perfectly patriotic Englishman and they must leave it to the good sense of the American public to accept for themselves the value of the views of Mr. Wells on political and other questions.—British Wireless.

MINESWEEPER SUNK BY A MINE

An Admiralty announcement issued last night states that the minesweeper "Dundalk" under the command of Lieut. Commander F. A. Kirkpatrick, has been sunk by an enemy mine. The next of kin have been informed.—Reuter.

KOBAYASHI RECALLED

Mr. Kobayashi, Minister of Commerce, and Japanese special envoy to the Batavia parleys, sailed from Sourabaya yesterday for Japan.—Reuter.

BURMA ROAD NOT AFFECTED

Traffic on the Burma Road has not been affected by Japanese air attacks, according to information received in Chungking.

Only minor damage has been caused to the road.

The possibility of armed escort for the convoys of lorries on the road is being discussed.

With the interruption of the mail service between Yunnan and Indo-China, the Chinese Post Office is establishing a thorough mail service between China and Burma with headquarters at Lashio, Burma.

All international mails to and from China will be taken by the Burma Road in future.—Reuter.

JAPAN SURPRISED BY ANGLO-U.S. FIRMNESS

THAT THE JAPANESE Government has been surprised by the firmness of British and American policy regarding the Burma Road, is the view expressed in London yesterday by the "Daily Telegraph" which says reactions in Japan have been contradictory.

There was a retreat from the first position that the opening of the Road would cause war to semi-official announcements that the matter must not be treated as a vital issue and that the Road was of little importance since Japan had obtained Vichy bases for communications in French Indo-China.

More danger signals have since reached Tokyo and Government is making efforts to persuade the Japanese that they must not be alarmed by the recall of American citizens from the Far East. The British Embassy in Tokyo has now given similar advice to British nationals.

Arrangements for the evacuation of Americans are under way.

Such, says the "Daily Telegraph" is the confused background to the bombing of the Road.

Japanese Zig-Zags

Two inferences may fairly be drawn: The Japanese Government has been surprised by the firmness of British and American policy and its own has made zig-zags under pressure of different influences—militaristic and national.

The decisive factor may well be the enormous resources of manpower with the capacity for unceasing toil which the Chinese Government commands.

Japan undertook to conquer China by aircraft and mechanisation against a huge disparity in population. The Chinese are unbowed in unity and by that sheer human strength may swallow Japanese invasion as they have many others in their immemorial past.—Reuter.

MILITARY TRAINING FOR COMMUNISTS

Moscow radio announce that members of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union will receive military training in special units being formed by local party organisations.—Reuter.

QUAKES IN BALKANS

MORE REPORTS OF EARTHQUAKES ARE COMING IN FROM EASTERN EUROPE.

According to the Bucharest press, many persons were seriously injured on Tuesday.

Other quakes are reported from Bessarabia, Rief, Charkof and other districts in the Ukraine.

Further tremors are said to be shaking the Carpathians, and the Caucasus region.—Reuter.

JAPANESE VIGILANCE

Vigilance in the Japanese controlled areas in Shanghai has not yet been relaxed.

Hongkew, Nantao, Chapei and the western district are barricaded with barbed-wire entanglements. Only narrow passages are left for pedestrians and vehicles to pass.

Barricades were erected yesterday in Avenue Haig adjoining Avenue Joffre in the French Concession.—Central News.

JAPAN TO SEEK TERMS WITH CHUNGKING?

THE JAPANESE ARE APPARENTLY AGAIN MAKING A STRONG BID TO PERSUADE GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK TO COME TO TERMS WITH THEM, SAYS THE PEIPING CORRESPONDENT OF THE USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SHANGHAI NEWSPAPER "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

He said:—

This "is said to be entirely due to the ease with which the Japanese have been able to seize Indo-China, which surprised Tokyo itself."

"As a result, the prestige of the Navy party was enormously enhanced, as this party has always asserted that Japan's Place in the Sun was in Southern Asia and looked very jealously on the China adventure."

"It brought round many political leaders in Japan to the view that the Navy's southwards policy is, after all, the better one, and, with the help of some skilful diplomacy, a safer proposition than the Army's continued sterile, costly attempts to overthrow Chiang Kai-shek."

"The terms offered to Chungking are said to include:

"Firstly, the Yangtze area to be demilitarised;

"Secondly, the five provinces of North China to form an autonomous state under Chinese suzerainty, but Japan to have complete and sole economic control;

"Thirdly, recognition of the independence of Manchukuo and

"Fourthly, Japanese concessions to be established in all ports."—Reuter.

'PEN PALS' FOR SOLDIERS PLAN

The British Legion is to set up an organisation to establish contacts between lonely soldiers and members of the public.

Those willing to correspond with soldiers should communicate with the Soldiers' Correspondence Dept., Headquarters British Legion, Cardigan House, Richmond, Surrey.

RAILWAY INCREASE RELIEF

Worker ticket and season ticket holders are to escape the six per cent. increase of existing railway fares, which comes into force on December 1.

Colonel Moore-Brabazon, the Minister of Transport, announced this Government decision in the House of Commons yesterday.

There will also be no increase on the London Passenger Transport Board system, except the coach service.

The burden of the higher charges will fall on the casual travellers. It is recalled that the charges were increased by ten per cent. last January.—Reuter.

DEFENCE OF U.S.A.

"THE DEFENCE OF THE UNITED STATES INVOLVES THE ABILITY TO REPEL ATTACK AGAINST OR AN ATTEMPTED INVASION OF ANY PART OF THE NEW WORLD," DECLARED MR. SUMNER WELLES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, IN AN ADDRESS AT BALTIMORE YESTERDAY.

"Recent years," he went on, "have made it more clear than ever that the Panama Canal cannot be rendered secure nor our own territory regarded as safe from invasion by air unless the territory of our neighbours to the south is equally secure, and that cannot be achieved without the loyal friendship of other American Powers."

"There never was such a time when hemisphere solidarity was such a reality."—Reuter.

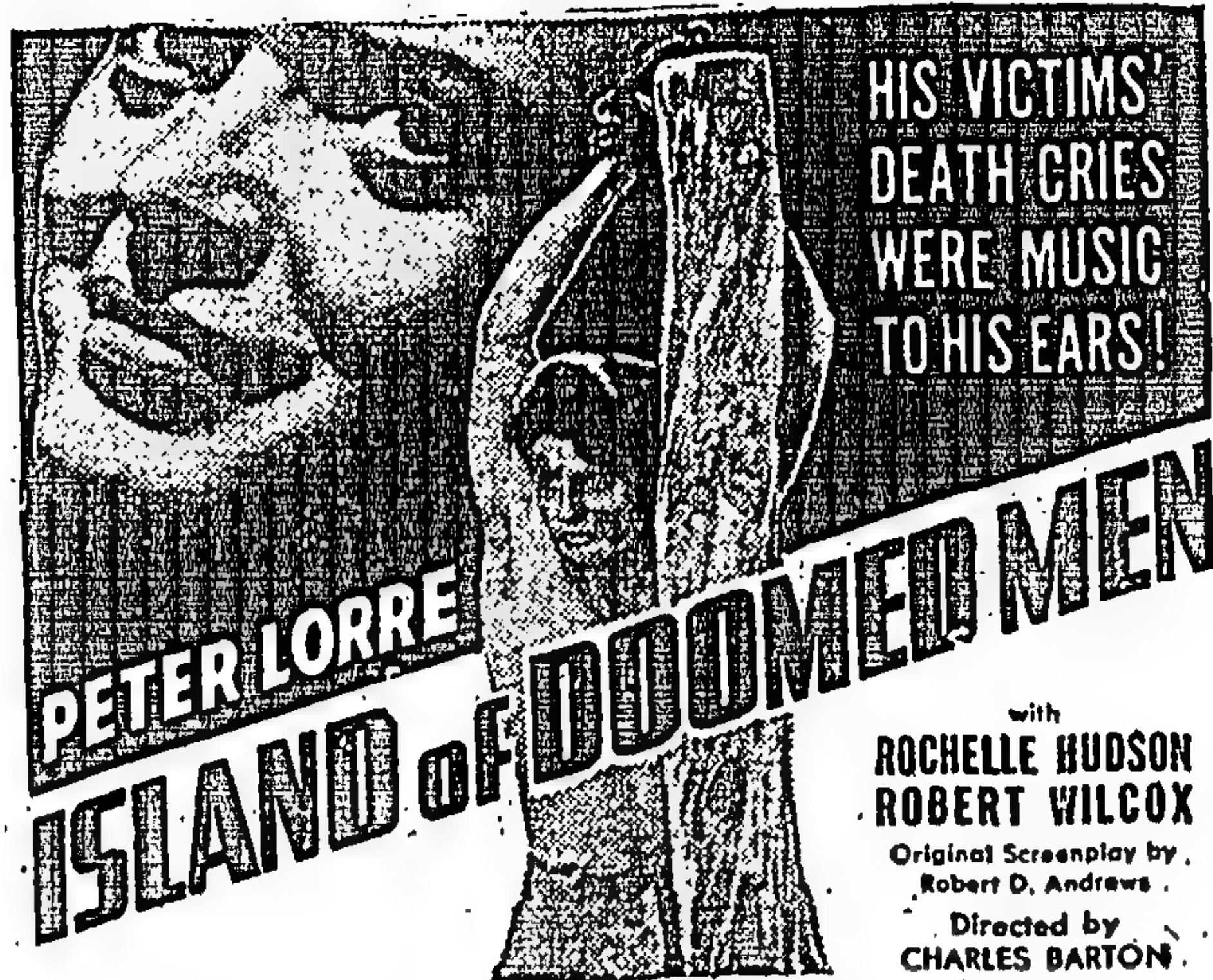
BERLIN'S EVACUATION

Arrangements have been made for 75 special trains to take children from Berlin under the German Government's voluntary evacuation scheme, states the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper, "Afton-Bladet."

Berlin is the city, according to General Goering, immune from hostile air attack.—Reuter.

STALIN AT THE THEATRE

Stalin made his first appearance yesterday since last August when, with M. Molotov and other officials, he attended a theatre-festival performance.—Reuter.

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SPECULATION ON THE INTRIGUES OF M. LAVAL

THE OFFICIAL GERMAN news agency says that M. Laval, the Vichy Vice-Premier, is now on his way back to Paris from Vichy following his report to Marshal Petain.

The news agency points out that no German statement has yet been issued to explain the nature or extent of the discussions. Havas, the French agency, is more out-spoken when it says that all Frenchmen will understand that the meeting concerns the future of their nation, and calls it the "most important event since the armistice."

According to the Swiss press, it is fairly certain that the terms would mean France giving up Alsace-Lorraine to Germany and Nice and Tunis to Italy. For the rest, it is thought the terms would mean that the French Empire is dissolved between the Axis and its satellites, and that the French navy and air force are to be used against Britain.

Repeated denials from Vichy have done little to throw doubt on the general tenor of these reports.

Swiss reports state that neutral observers are of the opinion that the fate of France depends on the outcome of the struggle inside the Vichy Government.

Some say that Marshal Petain and General Weygand will refuse any settlement calling for French arms to be used against Britain. Laval and Company apparently have no qualms about this, except possibly, a doubt as to how many Frenchmen would be willing to serve against Britain.

According to Rome reports, Hitler has sounded Laval on a plan

for settlement making France a collaborator with the Axis Powers in the future prosecution of the war.

Well informed London circles warn against any assumption that the whole of the Vichy Government will support the intrigues of M. Laval. — Reuter.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF T.U.C.

Mr. George Gibson, General Secretary of the Mental Hospital and Institutional Workers Union, has been unanimously chosen Chairman of the General Council, Trades Union Congress, for the coming year. — British Wireless.

ATHENS HOARDERS SENTENCED

Twenty out of 40 persons arrested in Athens for hoarding sugar and coffee for the purpose of profiteering have been sentenced to deportation on one of the Aegean Islands for a year.

Sentence has still to be passed on the remaining 20. Those arrested include the proprietor of one of the largest local hotels, several bankers and three well-known Greek journalists. — Reuter.

HIMMLER LEAVES MADRID

Herr Himmler, Nazi Gestapo chief, left Madrid by air yesterday morning for Barcelona. — Reuter.

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TOO EARLY TO ASSUME VICHY'S SUBMISSION

By Reuter's Diplomatic
Correspondent

The most surprising thing about the Hitler-Laval meeting is that it should have occurred at all.

That four months after France's downfall, Germany should come to realise that there is something still to be made out of the despondent and defeated remnants of a great empire is a confession not of the latent strength of France, but of the desperate need of Germany.

It seems unlikely that Germany would press France for a declaration of war as she would be expected to lose more than they would again.

The would certainly find the French army a most unreliable comrade in arms. He would not be a willing partner against his former friends.

Humiliating Conditions

What is more likely is that certain fresh concessions were discussed at the meeting, in exchange for improvement of communications and supplies and less rigid supervision.

The most likely concession would be the surrender of the remainder of the French Navy and possibly French aeroplanes.

It is too early to assume, however, that the Vichy Government would submit to such humiliating conditions. — Reuter.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



RUMANIA
ARRESTS POLISH
EMBASSY STAFF

All members of the Polish Embassy in Rumania, with the exception of the Ambassador, have been arrested, the German radio asserts.—Reuter.

JAPANESE
LEGATION IN
AUSTRALIA

A JAPANESE LEGATION IS SOON TO BE ESTABLISHED IN AUSTRALIA, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, SAYS A JAPANESE REPORT FROM TOKYO.

A special committee of the Privy Council yesterday morning started deliberations on the establishment of a South Seas Affairs Bureau, in the Foreign Office and the opening of the Legation in Australia.—Reuter.

Young Men In
Engineers
Accused

TWO SAPPERS ATTACHED to the 40th Company, Royal Engineers, James Frederick Johns, 21, and Harry Aynsley Turnbull, 22, were remanded by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning until this afternoon for hearing of a case against Turnbull, who pleaded not guilty to receiving from Johns a Philco radio-set, knowing it to have been stolen or obtained by an improper manner.

Johns pleaded guilty to stealing one Crosley set from the Truly Radio Shop, of No. 226, Nathan Road, on September 30, and one Philco set from No. 31, Nathan Road, on October 4.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston said that Johns went to two shops and obtained sets on the pretext that he wanted to keep them for a trial for 24 hours. He failed to return them. On both occasions, Johns gave a false name and address.

The Sergeant alleged that Turnbull accompanied Johns to the Radio People Shop to obtain the Philco set at 7 p.m. on October 4 and that, two hours later, the set was handed to him by Johns. On this occasion, went on the

Sergeant, Johns accompanied the master of the Radio People Shop to the European Y.M.C.A. and asked Mr. A. W. Ingram, the Secretary, to guarantee him. Mr. Ingram signed his name as guarantor, although he did not know Johns personally.

Turnbull at first denied all knowledge of the Philco set, but later accompanied him to recover it from a house at No. 93, Lockhart Road.

The police, concluded Sergeant Johnston, were not asking the court to take a very serious view because the shop keepers were to be blamed to a certain extent for allowing Johns to take away the sets so easily. The Crosley set was worth \$195 and the Philco \$390. Both had been recovered.

Turnbull's Case

Turnbull stated that he bought the Philco set from Johns, who said that he needed money to pay certain bills. Though he went with Johns to the Radio People Shop, he was outside the shop in a car while Johns went in and obtained the set. Johns said he had obtained it by the arrangement of instalment payments and said he was willing to lose money because he was very badly in need of some. Turnbull claimed that he paid \$160 to Johns for the set. Both accused were remanded in Military custody until 3 p.m. this afternoon.

CHINA'S
NEW ROAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A section of the Szechuen/Sikang road leading from Yaan (Szechuen) to Tachienliu (Sikang), was completed on October 12.

An official ceremony will shortly mark the opening of the new road to traffic.

Another road leading from Kiating to Sichang will be completed this year.—Havas.

ALL FRONTS QUIET

"Quiet on all fronts" is the laconic communique issued in Cairo yesterday by British G.H.Q.—Reuter.

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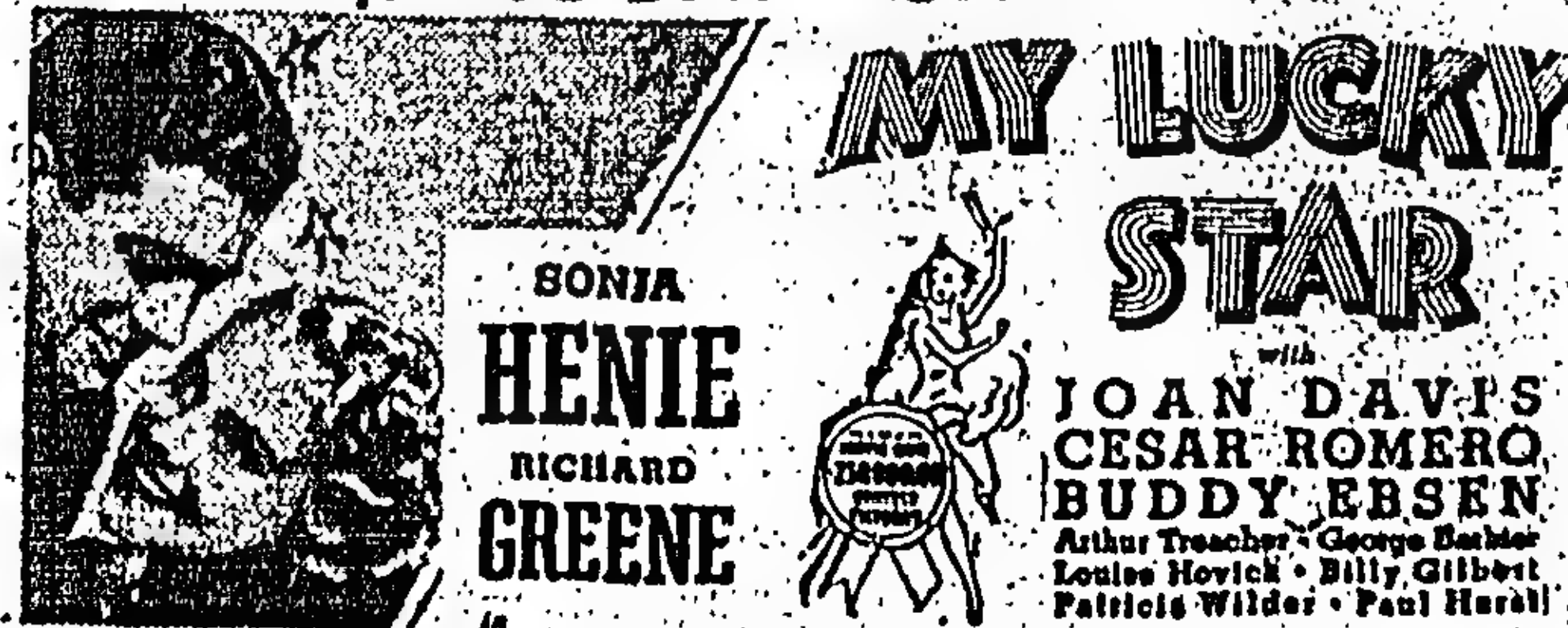


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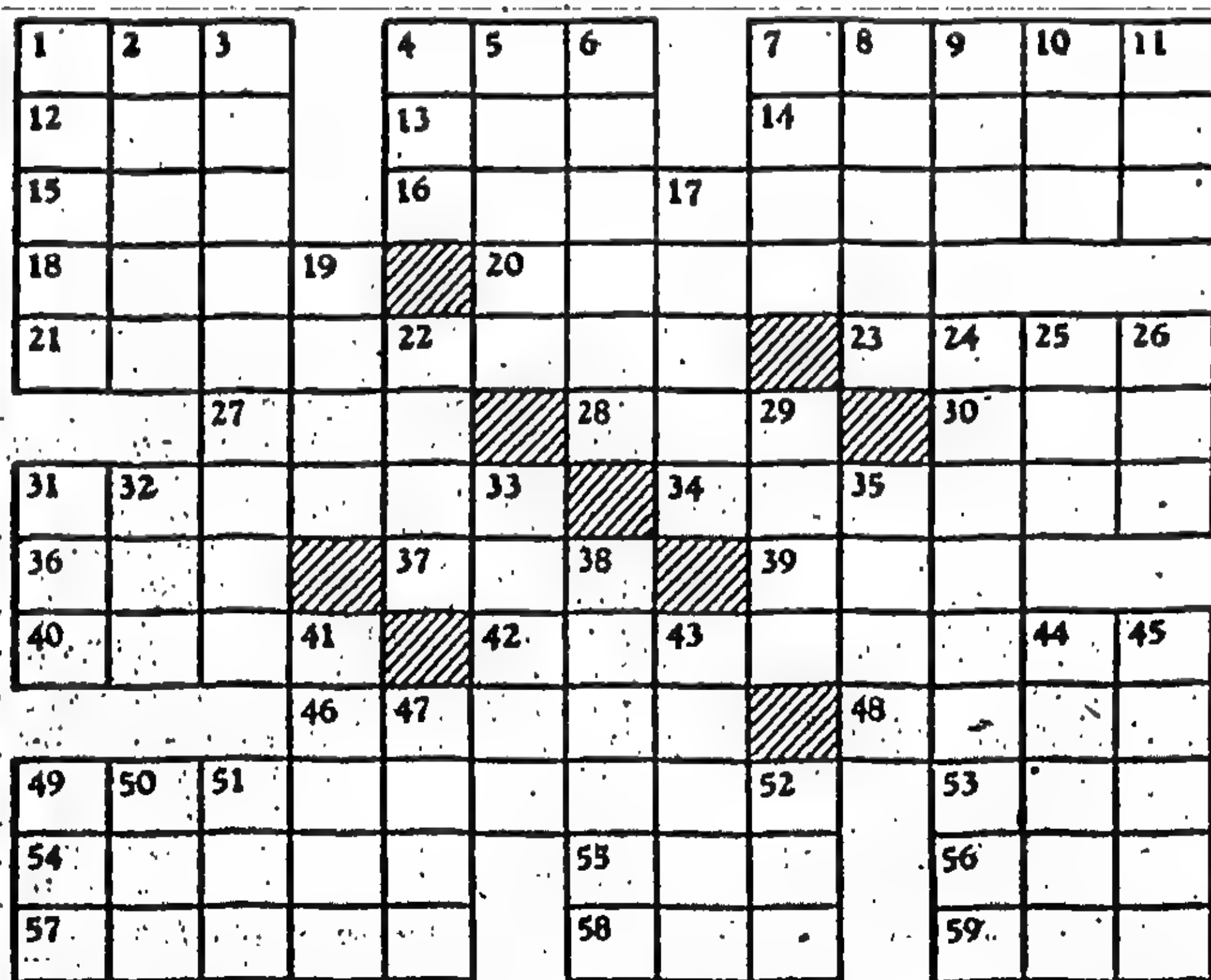
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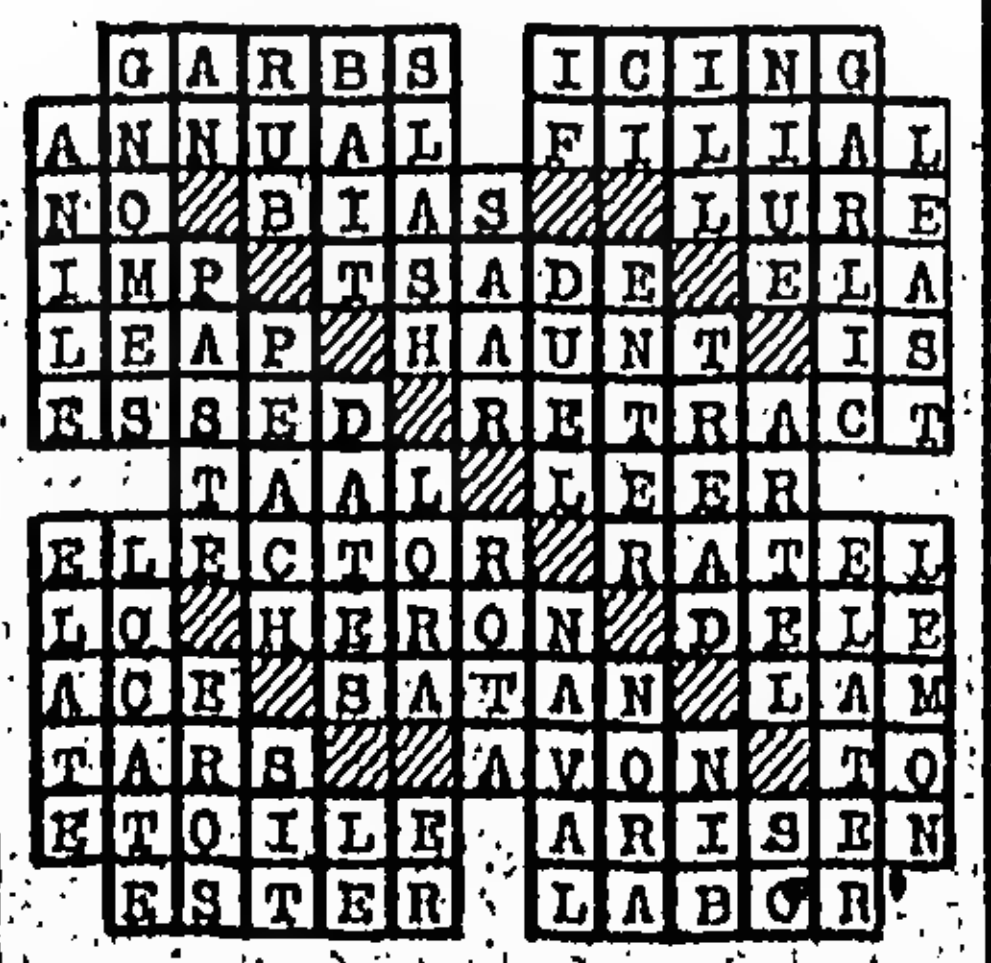
HORIZONTAL

- East-Indian tree
- Literary scraps
- To look fixedly
- Sea-eagle
- Bulgarian coin
- Constellation
- To make lace
- Detests
- Roman highway
- Mutual understanding
- Gigantic statue
- Agile
- Vast ago
- French coin
- To regret
- Agent
- Succulent vegetables
- Ember
- Wager
- Ecclesiastical vestment
- Beams
- Those holding offices by virtue of titles
- Roman magistrate
- To stupefy

VERTICAL

- Non-citizen resident of Attica
- Muse of poetry
- Completeness in general
- Beverage
- Bond

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- Thoroughfare
- Kind
- Shallow utensils
- Isle
- Fish eggs
- Being
- Whitfish
- Source
- Concealed person
- Proceeding designed to test character
- To flow
- Affirmative
- Sloth
- Distant
- Man's name
- Networks
- Wrongs
- Aslant
- Parties
- Colloquial: small
- Monetary unit of British India
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MUNSANG COLLEGE DISPUTE ARGUMENT

THAT DR. S. W. TS'O and his co-respondent should be removed from the Board of Trustees governing Munsang College, and that Mr. Rufus Huang, former headmaster of the College should be reinstated as a trustee, was the final submission made by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser in the Full Court of Appeal this morning.

"Honesty and sincerity themselves do not qualify a man to be a member of a board of trustees, and the conduct of Mr. Huang was such as to warrant his dismissal," submitted the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, junior, on behalf of respondents.

Messrs. Rufus Huang, Wong Sun-yin and Lee Siong-to are appealing against an order made in Chambers by the Chief Justice that Mr. Huang cease to be a member on the Board of Trustees and College Council.

The respondents are Dr. S. W. Ts'o, Lam Tsung-fung and Mok Hing-shung.

Mr. Potter spent most of the morning dealing with correspondence between Messrs. Deacons and Hastings and Co. on behalf of the parties concerned. In the correspondence respondents admitted liability for three \$10,000 loans and stated that the Council would accept liability of the balance on production of documents.

"Remarkable Letter"

Another document, which Mr. Potter described as a "remarkable letter," from Messrs. Deacons, presumably written on instructions by Dr. Ts'o and other members of the Board of Trustees, alleged that Mr. Huang incurred the liabilities without the knowledge and consent of the Council.

Mr. Potter submitted that the liabilities were incurred with the direct knowledge and consent of the Council.

After referring to a number of other letters, parts of which were read, Mr. Potter said that at the end of a long controversy "our rights were admitted by the Trustees."

Mr. Potter produced a copy of a letter written by second and third appellants, both members of the Council, to Dr. Ts'o in which they accused him of "having had Mr. Huang removed from the Council without proper discussion with members of the Council whom we feel should have been consulted."

What justification had Dr. Ts'o for saying that the accounts were in a "muddle?" asked Mr. Potter, when the accounts were completely audited, found to be in order and entirely correct. Not a single item was unaccounted for. Not only did Mr. Huang keep the accounts in proper order but he also prepared the budget for the year ending in August 1939.

History Of School

Mr. Potter referred to the history of the school and described the major part played by Mr. Huang in keeping the college alive and improving it.

"Government was so impressed by the progress that it agreed to a \$5,000 grant to the College. In 1938 the College was out of debt," said Mr. Potter.

Up to the end of 1938, the complete responsibilities of the school, financial and otherwise, were in the hands of Mr. Huang. Mr. Huang, the teachers, and the pupils raised the money for the purchase of the land on which they hoped to build the new college.

"As far as practical work was concerned in raising money for the College, Dr. Ts'o did none," remarked Mr. Potter.

This was not a matter of wrong dismissal. The Court, said Mr. Potter, must not concern itself with whether Mr. Huang received a poor return for his 14 years' service to the College. The question was, was there any ground for the removal of Mr. Huang from the Board of Trustees and College Council?

"I submit," said Mr. Potter, "that the order by the Chief Justice should be reversed and that first and second respondents should be removed from the Board of Trustees."

"Revival Of Control"

For the respondents, Mr. d'Almada, submitted that the welfare of the Trust should

ISOLATED AIR RAIDS YESTERDAY

Enemy air activity over Britain yesterday was confined to a few isolated attacks by single aircraft, states an Air Ministry communique issued last night.

Bombs were dropped by these aircraft on towns in the South-East coast and two places in the London area.

Slight damage only was caused and there were no casualties, except at one place in London where the number was very small.—Reuter.

Houses Damaged

It is now known that bombs were also dropped at some other places in the London area, states a later Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique, giving further details of raids during daylight yesterday.

A town in the east Midlands and a town in Kent also suffered from the bombing.

In each of these areas, some houses were damaged and casualties were caused.

The latter are not numerous but a small number of persons was killed.—Reuter.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

ADMIRAL MUSELLIER, COMMANDER OF THE FREE FRENCH NAVAL FORCES, HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN HIS ABSENCE BY A MILITARY TRIBUNAL IN TOULON.

The charges against him were "attempts against the safety of the state; provocation of insurrection, and insubordination."

He is also sentenced to military degradation.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"). In addition to Admiral Musellier, two captains of the French Merchant Navy have also been sentenced to death by the Toulon tribunal.—Havas.

govern the case in dispute and that the Chief Justice was right in exercising his discretion. In the matter, making an order that Mr. Huang should cease to be a member of the Trust.

His conduct he argued, was such as to warrant his dismissal. There had never been any attack on the sincerity of Mr. Huang, but, said counsel, sincerity and honesty themselves did not qualify a man to be on a Board of Trustees.

The gap in meetings of the Board between 1932 and 1938, submitted Counsel, was at the root of the dispute between Mr. Huang and the Board. During this period, Mr. Huang was given a free hand by the Board. The Board, as such, did not attempt to control the College and did not give any specific directions how to run the College.

The revival of interest in the College by the Board resulted in the revival of control of the College. This was resented by Mr. Huang who had had control since the foundation of the College.

The case is proceeding.

AUSTRALIA'S STRIDES IN WAR PRODUCTION

The production of 9,000,000 shells a year is envisaged by the Australian Government, it is revealed in a report which the Australian delegates have taken to the Eastern Group Supply Conference at New Delhi.

Australia is within reach of providing most of the material needed for defence and offence, overcoming her deficiency in machine-tools to an extent not thought possible a year ago.—Reuter.

CALLING UP ORDER FOR 35'S

An indication that the Army is now in a position to absorb more men is provided by the announcement that men of 35 will have to register for military service on November 9 and November 16.

The great majority of these men will have reached the age of 35, but not 36, and a small minority will have reached the age of 34 but not 35.

Therefore, one group and a half will be left before another Royal Proclamation further extending registration dates is necessary.

It is learned from reliable sources that the question of another Proclamation does not immediately arise. Over three months have elapsed since the last registration.

There is no information at present with regard to when the next age-groups beyond the present call will be asked to register, but it may be several months.

As many men affected by the new registration are in "reserved occupations," it is not possible to estimate the number who will be available for the forces.—Reuter.

BOOTHBY INQUIRY COMMITTEE

The constitution of the Select Committee of the Commons charged with investigation of Robert Boothby's actions in connection with Czech assets was announced yesterday.

Under the chairmanship of Colonel John Gration, seventy-three-year-old Conservative member for Burton, the committee comprise four Conservative members, two Socialist and one each of Liberal, National Liberal and National Labour members.

Besides three barristers there are on the Committee, Sir Edward Cadogan, who was formerly the Speaker's Secretary, F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, who was formerly Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and Sir George Schuster, one-time Financial Adviser to the Colonial Office.—British Wireless.

CHINA MAIL

AUSSIE POLITICS

The spirit in which the forming of a National Cabinet in Australia is approached by the party leaders is all-important to any successful compromise in difficult circumstances. They have approved in principle the proposed objective, but the road of past experience is strewn with warnings of the need to preserve that objective from being obscured in the insurgence of baser, party rivalries, initially forsworn. It cannot be too strongly urged that no sectional considerations, no preconceived notion of individual place or prestige in purely party estimation, should be allowed to obstruct the negotiations for launching a united war policy, and establishing the strongest possible national Executive, recruited from all sides of the House, to carry it out.

The motives of Mr. Curtin, and of the all-Australian Labour conference from which he derives his authority, in opposing previously a united Ministry, were before the elections clearly explained and appreciated, even by critics who could not accept the Labour viewpoint.

But circumstances have changed. Clouds on the international horizon which then aroused misgiving have now advanced and their menace is unmistakable. The choosing of the period for the elections was a sign that those at the helm of State believed they could see for three weeks ahead. To-day no man dare assert that it is possible to see ahead for more than days. The electors themselves sensed the tightening of tension—equally with Ministers and other candidates—while the election campaign was in progress; and the election verdict registered the impression. What Mr. Menzies urged as proper and statesmanlike weeks ago has now become a course imperative, nay unavoidable, in the eyes of every intelligent observer of international events.

TURNING TIME?

In his broadcast to Frenchmen, Mr. Churchill hinted at an earlier end to the war than is generally believed likely. A bitter winter is ahead. He does not hide that. If Britain holds out, as she has rosy hopes of doing, the prospects of ultimate

LOW ON THE GOVERNMENT'S SAVINGS CAMPAIGN



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Comradeship Of Girl Guides

Empire Girl Guides have raised £48,475 for two air ambulances—just £28,475 more than they hoped to collect. As a result, there has been a conference with the Admiralty, War Office, and the Y.M.C.A., who were all asked how this money should be spent.

The Admiralty has asked for motor ambulances. They are to be given twenty fully-equipped ambulances, which will cost £11,000.

The War Office told the Chief Commissioner of the need for "quiet rooms" in all the permanent camps, where services may be held on Sundays, and where men may read, write, and rest during the week. The sum of £10,000 has been set aside for them.

The Y.M.C.A. suggested two large complete units, one for England and one for Scotland, which will help to replace the equipment which was lost in France. These are to cost £5,000.

The Guide Of Dunkirk

And another £5,000 has already been spent on a motor lifeboat, which made its maiden voyage as a unit in the epic of Dunkirk. The boat is to be christened The Guide of Dunkirk.

Writing to thank the Guides, Colonel Satterthwaite, of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, said that the new lifeboat had not come out of the Dunkirk

Nazi victory will be greatly dimmed. Not only the conquered populations in Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, The Netherlands, Belgium, and France but also the conquered people of Germany may be watching the signs of the times with anxious eyes. As long as Germany retains military mastery, they are cowed and helpless. There are two ways of meeting such a mastery: from without and from within. Britain holds the fort from without. The sooner we are able to sally from that fort, as Mr. Churchill promised, the harder it will be for the Nazi overlords to meet the challenge from within.

evacuation without some damage. "But I do not think you need trouble about the cost of repairs due to her service at Dunkirk, as these will, in any event, be small, and I think they will be defrayed from Government sources," he added.

All the Guides' gifts will be distinguished by a large trefoil and an inscription which says: "Presented by the Girl Guides of the Empire, Empire Weekly, 1940."

Bulletins on the progress of the appeal tell amazing stories—stories about Brownies who made loffee and sold it to family and friends so that they could add their quota to the Empire appeal; about a crippled post-ranger who set aside the shilling she had left out of her tiny invalid pension when her weekly five-shilling living expenses were paid; of Mary, in an African orphanage, who asked the matron to send the only two shillings she had in the world to the fund.

In London—now that the fund is closed—Guides are trying to keep up a spirit of international comradeship in a world which has seen most of Europe eliminated from international friendships for some time, by taking over the top floor of the World Bureau. It is to become the home of every refugee Guide in England.

A small library of books in their own languages is being collected. Comfortable armchairs and writing tables are being used to furnish a clubroom where Guides from Poland, Belgium, Holland, France, and Austria will be able to hold patrol meetings. They will be able to feel it is their very own.

Australian Guides have shared in the work English Guides are doing for refugees by sending cases of clothes.

"They were beautifully tailored and sewn," one of the staff at headquarters said. "So beautifully made, in fact, that it was a pleasure to be able to pass them on. Everyone felt that they were personal gifts, and I believe everyone who made them had done it in that spirit."

Escaped In Open Boat

Guide companies all over England have adopted refugees. The Maidstone Guides adopted a whole family from Amsterdam because of Josephine, who was a Guide in an Amsterdam company before the German invasion. She escaped to England with her parents and Scout brother in an open boat. They took a week to get here. Nobody knew how to row, and they shipped a great deal of water, which Josephine bailed out with a gas mask container. They had no food and very little water. When they reached England, Josephine had to be taken to hospital. Her feet had swollen to

three times their normal size from exposure. Guides who visited her in hospital were not told she was a fellow-Guide until twinkling-eyed Josephine saluted them when they left.

Reports from French Guides who are in England now give some idea of the work which was done in France when the Germans broke through in June.

Day And Night Shifts

In Nantes, Guides and Scouts worked in day and night shifts under the Red Cross. The Guides ran a creche and play centre for the refugee children and helped the Red Cross with a first-aid tent and canteen. They helped to reunite families by putting up a large notice-board divided into different districts. Refugees put their names down as they came into Nantes, and found families and friends through alphabetically arranged lists. This was done in the middle of appalling, heart-breaking confusion.

More stories come in about the English Guides' work. They are haymaking, picking fruit, gardening, pruning, and weeding. Some have turned themselves into emergency salvage corps. One company collected 5,000 used razor blades and sent them off to an air-raid warden who had announced that he could collect a million in a fortnight. Others are looking after child evacuees; others are standing by at first-aid posts.

A letter from a post-ranger in north-east England sums up the whole spirit of these girls who are growing up in a country at war. This crippled girl wrote: "The night that we had the raid my young sister and I had mother for casualty No. 1. She bled profusely, and we were thoroughly glad of our combined first-aid knowledge. Emma did the running about and I produced the equipment. We blessed the day when we both took up Guiding."

It is a grand spirit—a spirit which everyone who knows the work is quite sure that Germany will not be able to break.

(Continued from Next Col.)

June. "Oh, that!" I remarked, reading the title, "Mein Kampf." And I gave, if not an actual, a mental shrug. "Lot of nonsense, don't you think?"

"What I have read so far—yes, I suppose," he replied with evident uncertainty. "And yet—I was in the last war, and, however fantastic such a plan of conquest might be—"

"But," I reassured him as his voice trailed off without concluding his intended remark, "it is a long way from here to Herr Hitler or, rather, from Herr Hitler to here."

And we all then laughed.

The Tiniest Island

Since the invasion and subsequent occupation of the Low Countries, there has been frequent mention in the news of "maintaining the status quo in the Dutch East Indies." The best known of these are, of course, Sumatra, Java, and the much smaller but extremely beautiful Bali. Few persons, even those who have circled the globe, have heard of Palau Samboe. Yet, this first and smallest of the Dutch East Indies has a strategic importance not to be minimised; for it is to Palau Samboe that the oil from the wells of Sumatra and Java is taken in Dutch ships for canning and final shipment abroad. Not so very long ago, we were privileged to spend a day on this tiny island, two hours by launch off Singapore, at the invitation of the resident manager of the oil company. He had been on leave in his native Amsterdam,

By Violet Alleyn Storey

where his young wife and two small children were prolonging their stay so that the children might enjoy their first real Dutch Christmas.

We took off from Singapore in the mid-morning of a sultry Sunday. The launch proved to be crowded with Malaysians, in their stiff-starched Sunday best, returning from church services on the mainland. Obviously courteous, they went out of their way to make us comfortable and the trip seemed very short. The launch landed in a rather desolate spot at a small dock on which our host stood waiting. He greeted us with great good will and explained that he lived on the other side of the island. We followed him, single-file, up a steep pathway, the steps of which had been made by pressing discarded oil drums into the soil. There was no vegetation in sight but a number of barnlike structures were visible ahead of us. These were the company's refineries, canneries, and inspection sheds. About fifty Hollanders lived on the island. The manual labour was done by Chinese, Japanese, Cingalese, and a few East Indians. Each of these groups had its own settlement and lived in accordance with its native customs. There was a school with classes for children of each racial group. Dutch employees had a club and all sorts of sports were indulged in.

Suddenly, mounting the crest of the slope, we came to a row of white stucco, Dutch-style houses, each with a lush green backyard garden in which stood a cook-house, detached from the home. At the corner-house we followed our host up the high steep to a screened door that was opened instantly by a lithe, barefooted Malay boy. We entered a parlour, so like a parlour in any modern American home as to be startling when one glimpsed the Indian Ocean through the front window, between the scarlet-blossomed branches of the Flame of the Forest trees.

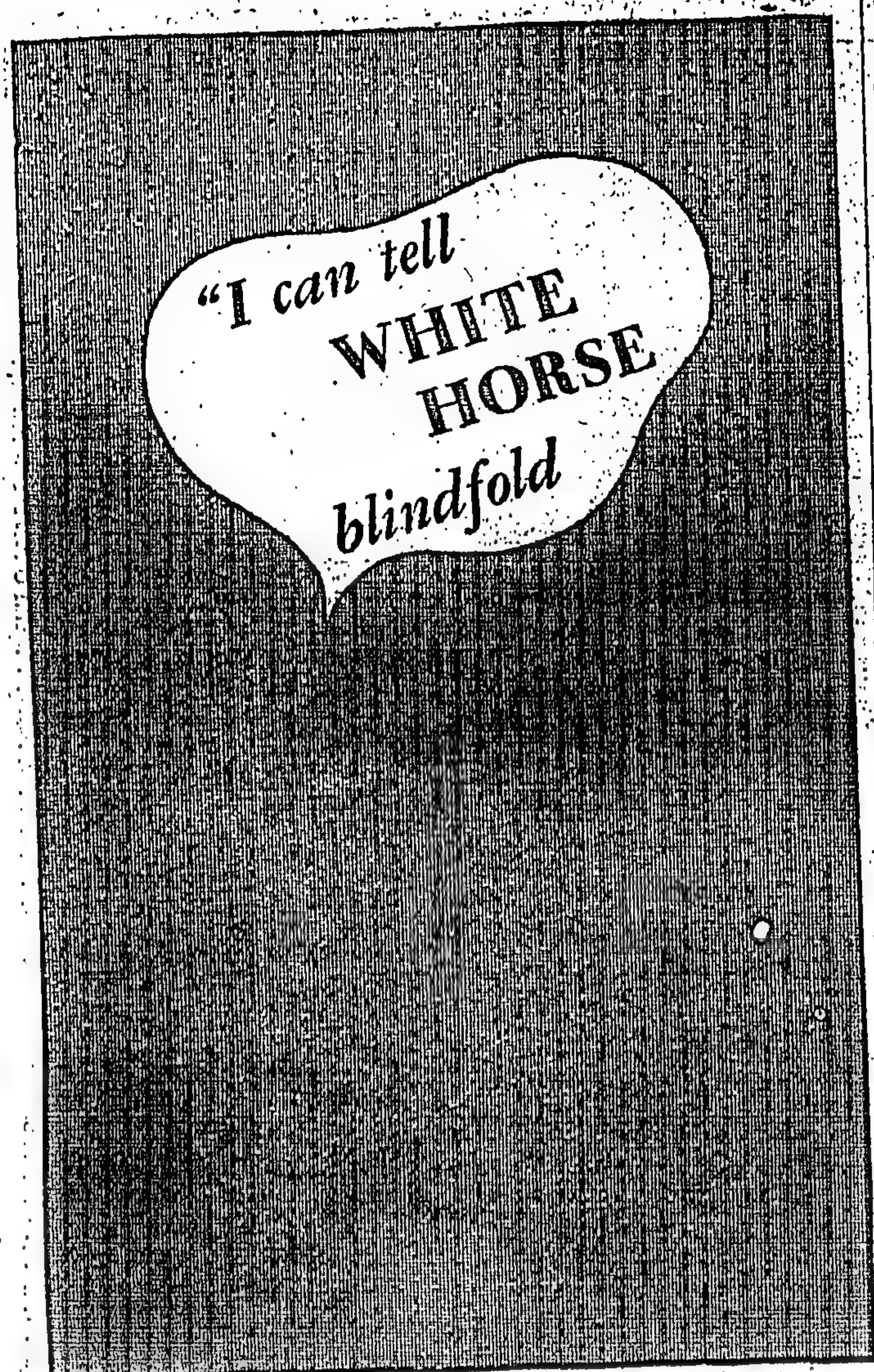
At tiffin we found the dining room typically Dutch, but the meal itself, prepared by a Javanese cook, consisted of Javanese riceplate, an elaborate sort of curry, Malayan bread, made from rice flour and pounded shrimp, and a tapioca pudding, sweetened with sap, from an East Indian tree. Tropical fruits topped off the repast.

After luncheon, we went on a tour of inspection of the house and later in the afternoon, when the day had grown a bit cooler, saw how the "other half" on the island lived.

Our host invited us back to "sit a bit" before we took the launch for Singapore. So, once again, we found ourselves in the little parlour with its American overstuffed furniture and its view of the Indian Ocean. We were silent, all of us, as people are who have enjoyed each other's company and are about to part. Suddenly, our host, as if embarrassed by the silence, sought to shatter it.

"Read this!" he questioned idly, picking up a book that lay on the table near which he sat. He handed me a cumbersome volume.

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"IT IS FOR PEACE THAT I SHALL LAB-
OUR FOR ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE," DE-
CLARED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, OPEN-
ING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN PHILADEL-
PHIA LAST NIGHT.

He accused the Republicans of importing
the propaganda methods of the "dictator
countries" to convince the public that he
would lead the United States into war.

Broadcasting from the same
convention hall in which he was
nominated in 1936 and Wendell
Willkie in 1940, President Roose-
velt declared that since July
hardly a day or night had passed
"when some crisis or some possi-
bility of a crisis in world affairs
has not called for my personal
conference with the Secretary of
State and other officials of the
Government."

Therefore, it was essential to
adhere to the rule, never to be
"over 12 hours" distant from
Washington, but the time had
come for him to answer falsifica-
tions with facts.

He said that many statements
by the Republicans must be "deli-
berate falsifications," declaring
that wilful misrepresentation of
the facts was not permissible dur-
ing a campaign or at any other
time.

Different Thing

After citing various subjects
which were permissible for cam-
paigners, President Roosevelt
said:

"But it is an entirely different
thing for any party or any can-
didate to state, for example, that
the President of the United States
had telephoned Mussolini and
Hitler to sell Czechoslovakia down
the river, or that the unemployed
of the nation are going to be put
into concentration camps, or that
the present Government means
the end in America of democracy
within four years."

"You know that all these
statements are false and untrue."

Verbal Blitzkrieg

President Roosevelt said that
the American people would not
be stampeded into a panic and
would not be swept away by this
"blitzkrieg of verbal incendiary
bombs," and the continued "ver-
bal bombshells" which the Repu-
blican leaders have unloaded on
this people.—Reuter.

To Inspect Defences

President Roosevelt arrived in
Philadelphia yesterday to open
the series of pre-election political
speeches which will take him into
Delaware, Pennsylvania and New
Jersey during the final fortnight
of the election campaign.

The President has stated that
he will combine his tour with a
further inspection of defence es-
tablishments.—Reuter.

DE VALERA OFFER TO BRITAIN

It was Mr. de Valera who
suggested to the British
Government that mothers
and children from the
bombed areas should be
given sanctuary in Eire,
Reuter understands.

He was moved to do this by
feelings of distress at the sinking
of the liner "City of Benares,"
with a loss of 75 children on their
way to Canada.

When news came of this tra-
gedy, Mr. de Valera put the sug-
gestion before his Ministers, so
that arrangements might be made
as soon as possible by the British
Government.—Reuter.

London Getting More Sleep

Between 80 and 90 per
cent. of London's popula-
tion are obtaining more
sleep to-day, during air-
raids than they were a
month ago, says Reuter's
Lobby Correspondent.

This is one of the effects brought
to light by an investigation which
the Government is conducting into
the detailed effects of air-raids on
the public.

Another ascertained fact is
that the inevitable grumbling
which accompanied the original
inconveniences of air-raids is
definitely on the decline, though
air attack has tended to increase
in intensity.

It has been established that
there are no signs that the cour-
age of the people is declining, but
the opinion of neutral observers
is that it is steadily increasing.—
Reuter.

PHILIPPINES WILL BE DEFENDED

The Philippines will
be defended against
any attack which
might be launched
"as long as they are
under our flag," de-
clares Colonel Knox,
U.S. Secretary of the
Navy.—Reuter.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S CAMPAIGN

President Roosevelt who open-
ed his election campaign with a
speech in Philadelphia last night,
is to follow it up by others at
New York next Tuesday, at
Washington next Wednesday and
at Cleveland on November 2.
On November 4—election eve
—he will make a final plea for
re-election from White House.—
Reuter.

THE NAZI IN LUXEMBURG

The Nazi Gauleiter of Luxem-
burg has dissolved that little
state's Parliament.—Reuter.

Felt hats valued at \$111 were
stolen from a shop at No. 214,
Shanghai Street, yesterday.

NAVY FITS ITSELF IN FRENCH WARSHIPS

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with
the British Naval Forces).

**OFFICERS AND MEN of the Royal Navy
are now quite at home in the French warships
taken over by Britain following the Vichy Gov-
ernment's capitulation.**

Intensive training has familiarised British
gunners and engineers with the unfamiliar
French guns and engine-rooms.

The officers have learned how to handle the
ships and thus can play a full part in helping to
win the war at sea.

It has not been an easy task for
men brought up in British war-
ships, and who, after many years
of service, have had suddenly to
adapt themselves to features of a
ship different in many ways from
their own, but they have taken on
the work cheerfully and made a
thorough job of it.

Such were my conclusions
after being allowed to visit one
of the small French destroyers
now added to the British Fleet.
This one was almost entirely
British manned, but there were
some Frenchmen on board.

French Chef

Dinner, indeed, was prepared
by a French chef, and though
simple was unmistakably French.

Typically French, too, was the
luxury of the officers' quarters.

In my cabin, I enjoyed one of
the most comfortable nights I
have ever spent afloat.
It had hot and cold water laid
on and there were as many elec-
tric lights as in the bedroom of
a luxury hotel — one for read-
ing in bed, another over the built-
in handbasin, and two more in
the ceiling for general lighting.

In one corner was a built-in
desk of modern design.
Ventilation devices ensured a
flow of cool, fresh air when the
port-hole was closed.

Artistic Fittings

Though barely half the size of
its counterpart in a British des-
troyer, the Wardroom was simi-
larly supplied with expensive-
looking woodwork and artistic
fittings.

The Chief Engineer, who has
had 31 years' experience in the
British Navy, confessed, as he
showed me the two engine-rooms,
that at first the great field of un-
familiar instruments was a little
puzzling, but he and his assistants
soon had everything worked out.

The French designers ap-
parently worked on the princi-
ple of making the ship as fool-
proof as possible, and with this
in mind introduced devices to
reduce reliance on the human
element to a minimum.

All this was, at first, strange to
our men, but the speed with which
they accustomed themselves to
the new conditions is evidence of
the Navy's adaptability.—Reuter.

HITLER'S HIGH-PRESSURE POLITICAL OFFENSIVE

Laval Talks Over: Now Conferring With Franco

EVENTS APPEAR TO BE SHAPING THEMSELVES FOR DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE. HITLER, PAUSING BEFORE RUSSIA'S SCARCELY DISGUISED HOSTILITY TO HIS SCHEME IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE, HAS TURNED AGAIN TO THE WEST AND A HIGH-PRESSURE POLITICAL OFFENSIVE, INVOLVING FRANCE AND SPAIN, HAS BEGUN.

As soon as Hitler completed his talks with M. Laval, who has probably, by this time, returned to Paris, he proceeded to the Spanish frontier, accompanied by Von Ribbentrop, there to meet General Franco and Senor Sener.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," Hitler's campaign means that, for Germany's success "events must take place before the American presidential election that will definitely exclude and render America's participation in the war impossible."

News of Hitler's meeting with General Franco was conveyed by the German wireless, which announced that Hitler and Franco, accompanied by Ribbentrop and Sener, had arrived at the Franco-Spanish frontier and "may be conferring there."

Nothing more definite on the final aim of Hitler is forthcoming, but speculation is inevitably centred on what pressures Germany is prepared to exert against Franco to persuade him to enter the war on the side of the Axis and invest Gibraltar or permit German troops to pass through Spain to attack Gibraltar.

French Terms

The position in France is no clearer.

Swiss papers state that the Axis Powers recently laid the following proposals before the Vichy Government.

Firstly, France to hand over Alsace-Lorraine to Germany and Nice to Italy.

Secondly, Tunisia to be divided between France and Italy; Algeria to remain French.

Thirdly, France to hand part of northern Morocco to Spain.

Fourthly, the remaining French colonies to be jointly administered and exploited by France, Germany and Italy.

Fifthly, France to hand Indo-China to Japan.

Sixthly, France to place her Mediterranean Fleet and air force stationed in North Africa at the disposal of the Axis for use against Great Britain.

Seventhly, if these conditions were accepted, Germany would evacuate a major part of occupied France, except the Channel ports and the so-called "closed areas," stretching from the Swiss frontier across Burgundy to the Belgian frontier and the Somme.

Proposals Rejected

These proposals were submitted to the Vichy Government and examined at a special meeting of the Council and following an agitated discussion, were rejected by a majority. Marshal Petain and General Weygand, supported by several other Ministers, spoke against acceptance. What decided the issue, state the Swiss newspapers, was the consideration that the Vichy Government could not prevent the French colonies from de-

claring for de Gaulle should the proposals be accepted.

Three In Favour

Laval, Baudoin and Admiral Darlan, it is stated, supported acceptance of the demands.

Following the rejection of the demands, says the "Volksrecht," of Zurich, M. Laval went to Paris again when he began fresh negotiations.

The "Volksrecht's" correspondent declares: "It is believed that these events were the reason for Mr. Churchill's broadcast on Monday to the French people."

It is declared that the opposition between Marshal Petain and M. Laval has become more acute and it is believed that M. Laval has been obliged to conduct his negotiations with Hitler and Ribbentrop on a new basis.

Weygand's Tour

In these circumstances, great importance is attached to General Weygand's journey to North Africa, with which may be connected the official Vichy statement that France intends to defend her Empire against every eventual aggressor.

The American authorities in Vichy, according to this correspondent, have advised all Americans to leave France.

Laval For Vichy

It is reported from Vichy, according to the German News Agency in Berlin, that M. Pierre Laval, Vice-Premier in the Petain Government, is now en route there from Paris. He was to report to Marshal Petain immediately on his arrival—Reuter.

"Comradely Friendship"

An announcement in the English broadcast by the Hamburg Radio last night confirmed that a meeting between Hitler and Franco took place on the Franco-Spanish frontier yesterday, and that Sener and Ribbentrop participated in the conversations, "which were conducted in the cordial spirit of comradely friendship that unites the two nations."—Reuter.

No Surprise

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

The news that Hitler and Ribbentrop have arrived at the Franco-Spanish frontier and are conferring with General Franco and Senor Sener has created no surprise in London, where it is regarded as indicative of Ger-

HONG KONG SUPPLIES TO CHINA

There is no general embargo on supplies from Hong Kong to China, stated Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons yesterday.

Restrictions imposed from time to time in the past two years on certain specified materials in the interests of the Colony have not, he added, been withdrawn.—British Wireless.

many's resort to her characteristic method of diplomatic black-mail.

The German desire to discuss political matters with Sener during the latter's recent visit to Berlin was ill-conceived, and when Sener adhered to his curriculum, which allowed him only to discuss and examine the inner workings of the Nazi system and precluded him from making any political commitment on behalf of his Government, German annoyance must have been considerable.

The desire for such discussions—whose object would clearly be to bring Spain more closely into line with the Axis, policy—remains and is evidenced by the latest "dramatic" move.

Risk Of Setback

Hitler, may think that by direct personal contact with General Franco he will be able to brush aside the difficulties which have hitherto faced his henchmen.

He may calculate that General Franco, flattered by his visit, will be tempted into departing from the policy of non-involvement which have hitherto been adopted as the best suited to the real interests of Spain.

To achieve this end, Hitler has departed from his customary dictatorial practice of summoning other statesmen to his presence and risked a setback to his dignity should anything short of complete success result from his lengthy journey.—Reuter.

Mr. F. Lee, of No. 10, Gramplan Road, has reported the theft of a bicycle from his house, between 10.30 and 11.30 p.m. yesterday.

TRYING TO KEEP U.S. OUT

Yet another reason for the Hitler-Laval meeting, namely, that it is part of a great Axis political offensive to prevent American entry into the war, comes from Berlin, according to Reuter's Zurich correspondent cabling last night.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" states that Germany is most anxious to put American intervention right

NEWFOUNDLAND BASE AGREED

An agreement has been reached between the United States, Britain and Canada on the location of the defence base on the southern shore of Newfoundland, said Colonel Knox, U.S. Secretary for the Navy, at his press conference yesterday.

A survey crew is already preparing to start work on the first string of the new Atlantic bases acquired from Britain.—Reuter.

out of the question before the Presidential election.

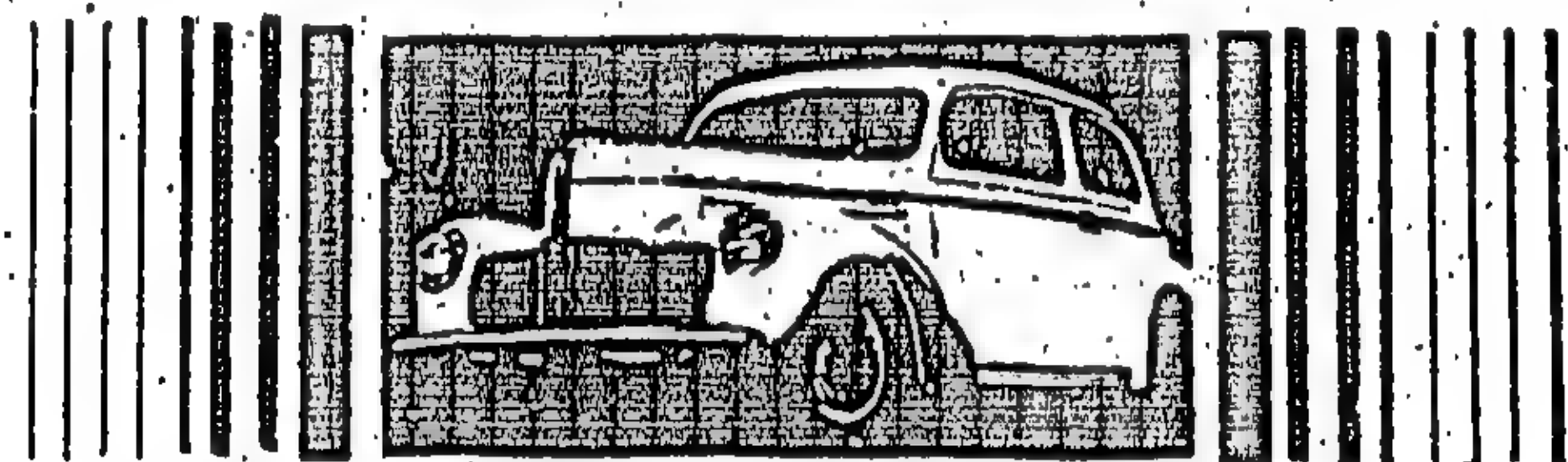
Newspapers in Germany, says the correspondent, are bringing Spain into the same picture.

They speculate that if France could be induced to fight on Germany's side, Spain could no longer keep out.—Reuter.

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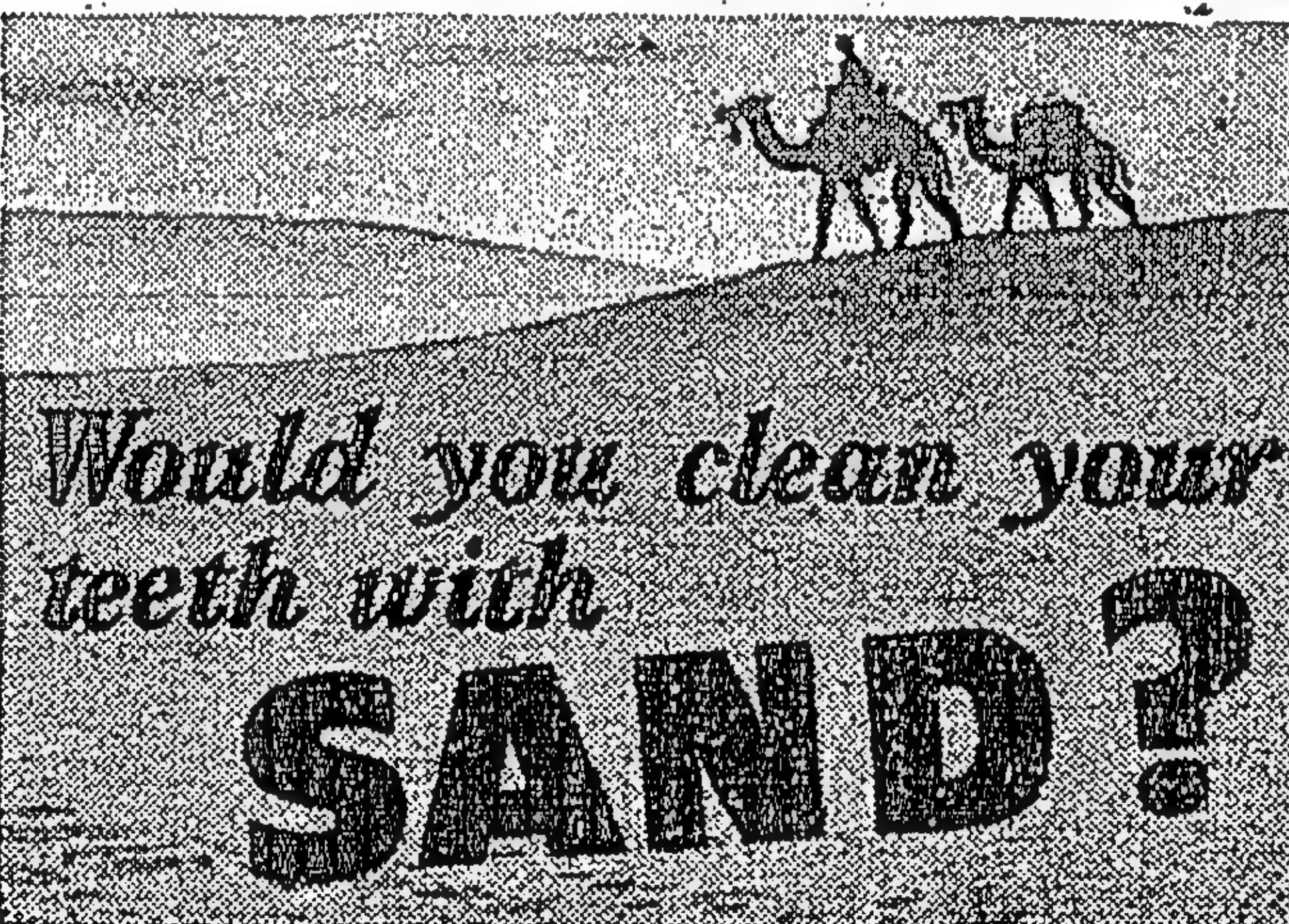
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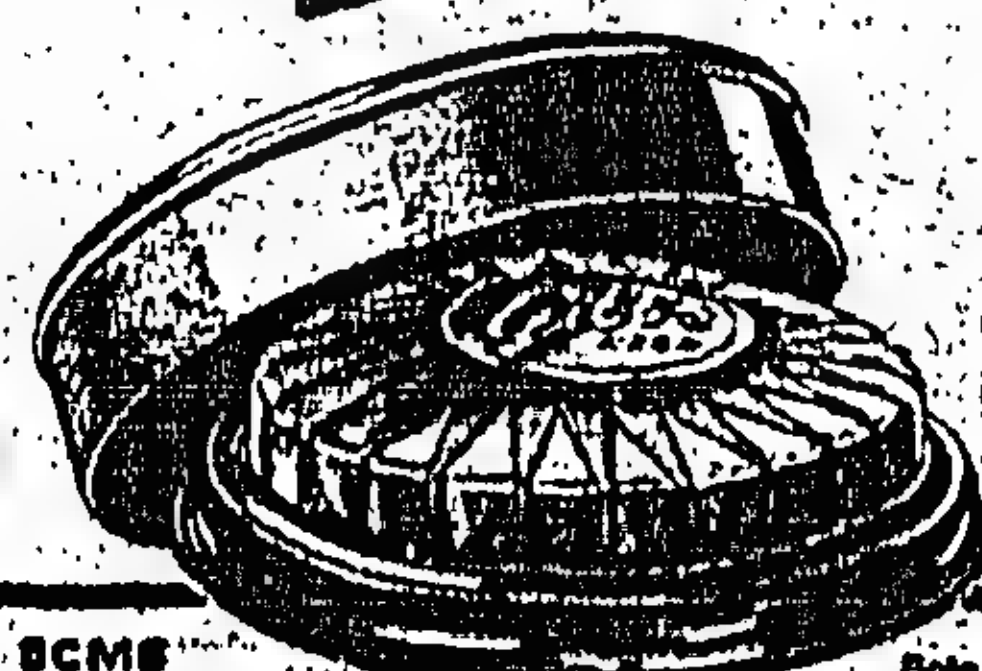
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BRIDGE NOTES

(By The Four Aces)

CAREFUL TIMING

There's no remarkable play in to-day's hand — just careful timing of each play:

North, Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

♠ 10 5
♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ 8 5 2
♣ A K 10 4
♠ K 8 4
♥ K Q 6
♦ J 10 9
♣ 7 4
♠ A Q J 9 3
♥ A 10 7 3
♦ A
♣ 8 6 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the Jack of diamonds, South winning with the Ace. South then led a club to dummy's Ace in order to finesse the ten of spades. West took the King of spades and led another diamond, forcing South to ruff. It now seemed that South would lose a spade, two trumps, and a club; but there was still a chance to avoid defeat.

Declarer led the seven of hearts from his hand — the key play. East won and plugged back another diamond, South ruffing with the ten of hearts. And now South cashed the Ace of trumps, leaving only one trump out against him.

The next step was to run the spades. On the third spade, dummy discarded the four of clubs. West ruffed the fourth spade, but dummy discarded the ten of clubs anyway. And now there was no longer a club loser!

Note that South had to draw two rounds of trumps to make his contract, for otherwise East would trump the fourth round of spades; and West would still make separate trump tricks. But it would have been fatal to cash the Ace of trumps first, for that would allow West to draw three instead of only two rounds of trumps.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 3
♥ 8 4
♦ K J 4
♣ Q J 4 3

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	Burnstone	You
1♥	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Your hand is so strong that game is assured and Slam is by no means unlikely. An immediate jump will lead to a more natural development of the bidding than a simple response coupled with a jump later on.

Score: 100% for two spades, 60% for one spade.

QUESTION NO. 540
To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 10 6 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q 7

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maier	You
1♥	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

CHINA HONOURS CHANG SHAN-TSE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The Chungking Executive Yuan has approved the recommendation for posthumous honours to be granted to Chang Shan-tse, the famous "tiger painter," who died a few days ago.—Havas.

BATAVIAN CHINESE MAKE GIFT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Chinese residents in Batavia have contributed 11,000,000 quinine pills. Shipments will be rushed to China without delay to be distributed to districts suffering from malaria.—Havas

UGANDA'S FIGHTER FLIGHT

The Central Committee of the Uganda War Fund has remitted £12,000 to the Crown Agents for payment to the Minister of Aircraft Production for fighter planes. This sum, together with previous amounts of £42,000 and £6,000, brings the total to £60,000. These amounts represent one lighter, plus £10,000 towards the completion of the Uganda Squadron.

The Officer Administering the Uganda Government suggests that the first Uganda Fighter Flight be christened with following names — Ankole, Buganda, Busoga, Entebbe, Jinja, Kampala, Ruwenzori, Teso and Mbale.—British Wireless.

ALLEGED HOLD-UP

Siu Cheuk, 25, was charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett this morning, with robbery and demanding money with menaces from Siu Shuk-lim.

It is alleged that defendant went into a shop at Connaught Road West, held up the proprietor with a toy pistol, and took away \$300. He also demanded a further \$500.

Defendant was remanded for 24 hours for further enquiries.

Inspector Tuckett is in charge of the case.

MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THE SUDAN

The appointment of a successor to Sir Stewart Symes, Governor-General of the Sudan, whose term of office was extended by the King of Egypt on the recommendation of His Majesty's Government, was announced in the Commons yesterday when the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs stated that Lieut.-General Sir Hubert Huddleston would occupy the position until Sir Kennard Bourdillon, who was recommended to the King of Egypt for the appointment, was able to leave Nigeria of which he is now Governor-General.—British Wireless.

EVACUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A public session of the Evacuation Advisory Committee will be held on Saturday, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

Only the cases of women who have applied to the Committee for a hearing in person and have been requested to attend will be considered.

OFF THE RECORD



ED REED 6-28 1940 The Register and Times Syndicate

"He'll never pay his bill—so I wrapped it as a gift."

By ED REED.

NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF

NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE PROCEEDING BETWEEN THE HUNGARIAN AND RUMANIAN TRADE DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN INTERRUPTED, ACCORDING TO A BUCHAREST TELEGRAM TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY IN BERLIN.—REUTER.

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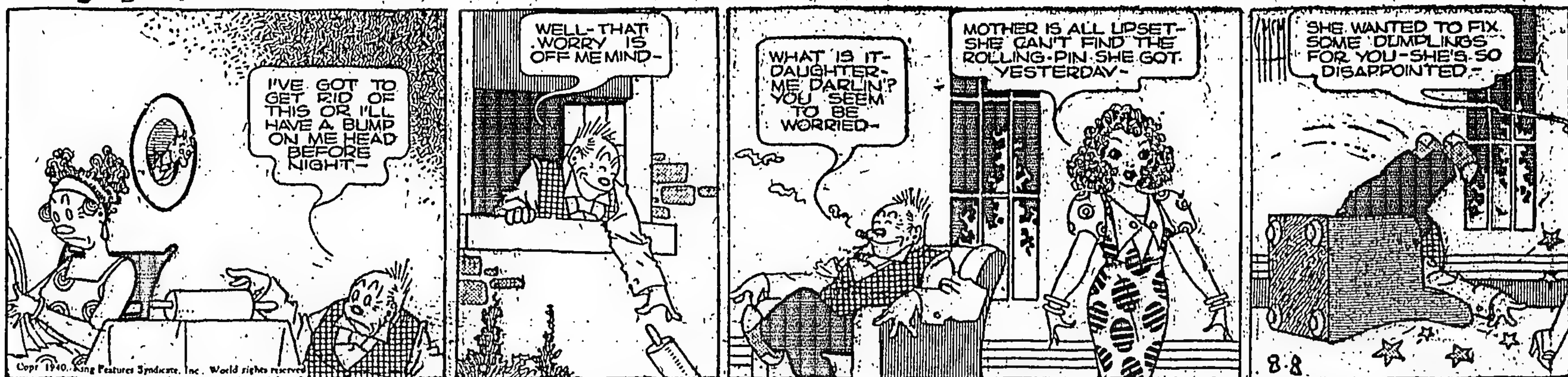
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

A LUNCH with HOT FOOD helps Jack and Jill work with a will

by Dorothy Greig

"HURRY home at noon", Mother would tell us youngsters. "There'll be a good hot lunch waiting for you." Mother was a great believer in the powers of wholesome food to solve most problems of life. "No excuse for poor marks after that lunch", she'd say.

And she spoke more truly even than she knew. Food authorities tell us that children need a well balanced, nourishing meal at noon, preferably with some hot food. Only then can children be expected to study well. A good lunch renews their vitality and helps keep them alert for the afternoon's work.

The hot food may well be soup—nourishing, and easy to prepare. Or it can be a simple casserole. For instance:

*recipe given below

*Cream of Chicken Soup**
Fruit Salad with Cream Cheese
Sandwich
Milk

Tomato Juice
Casserole of Macaroni and Cheese
Raw Carrot Sticks
Whole Wheat Bread
Baked Apple
Milk

Cream of Tomato Soup
(to condensed tomato soup add an equal quantity of milk)
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Celery Hearts
Rice Pudding
Milk

Creamed Ham and Potatoes in
*Mushroom Sauce**
Jellied Carrot and Pineapple Salad
Bread and Butter
Milk

Vegetable Soup with Crackers
Sliced Egg Salad on Lettuce
Oatmeal Cookies
Milk

*Cream of Chicken Soup**
(youngsters love the hint of orange
in this)
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon flour
1 cup milk
1 can condensed chicken soup
1/16 teaspoon grated orange rind



Home at noon to a nourishing, high vitality lunch.

Melt the butter in a saucepan and add the flour and cook until frothy. Then add milk and the chicken soup and cook until thickened. Add the grated orange rind about five minutes before serving. Serves 3-4.

Creamed Potatoes and Ham
*in Mushroom Sauce**
1 can condensed cream of

mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
2 cups potatoes, diced
1 cup ham, diced
1/16 teaspoon grated lemon rind
Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir well. Then add the milk, potatoes, ham and grated lemon rind. Heat to blend the flavors. Serves 4-5.

The Dish Of The Day

Monday.—Luncheon:
Madley Salad

Mix together 1 cup, diced, cold meat, 1/2 cup each cooked peas, diced carrot, diced cold potato, celery (uncooked), diced sour apple, and chopped walnuts. Mix with 1 cup mayonnaise, season well, and place in a salad bowl.

Sprinkle top with chopped chives and decorate with slices of hard-boiled eggs and hearts of lettuce cut into four.

Tuesday.—Breakfast
Bacon Omelet

Chop 2 rashers of bacon into dice and fry in its own fat until crisp. Slightly beat 2 eggs, add pepper and salt to taste and 1 tablespoon milk. Pour into pan while it is still very hot, stir until it is beginning to set, then push mixture to one side of pan in the shape of an oval cushion and allow to brown on bottom, then turn and brown top, or it may be placed under a hot grill. The secret of a good omelet is to keep it soft.

Wednesday.—Dinner:
Baked Sherried Apples

Peel and core 6 good cooking apples and stick them all over with shredded blanched almonds. Place them in a casserole dish and pour over a sauce made by bringing to the boil 1 cup brown sugar and 1/2 pint sherry. Place on tight-fitting lid, bake in a moderate oven until apples are cooked, but not broken (this will be prevented if basted now and again during the cooking). Remove the lid and baste well until apples are well glazed. Serve hot or cold with cream.

Thursday.—Dinner:
Baked Pork With
Celery Force meat

Mix together 3 cups bread-crumbs (1/2 dry), pour over 1

cup hot water and soak for about 15 minutes, then squeeze out, add 2 level teaspoons mixed herbs, 2 cups finely-diced celery, pepper and salt to taste, 1/2 cup melted margarine. Procure 6 pork chops, cut about 2 inches thick, and cut meat in the middle right down to the bone. Sprinkle with flour, pepper, and salt, and fry until brown on each side in a little lard or butter. Fill the cavity of each with prepared forcemeat and fasten with a toothpick. Place them in a baking tin, preferably on a grid, cover tightly, and bake in a moderate oven for about 1 hour. Serve with fried apple rings, or half an unpeeled but cored apple may be placed on each chop cut side down and baked with the meat.

Friday Luncheon: Baked
Haddock With Rice

Well grease an ovenproof dish and place a layer of boiled rice in the bottom. Cover with a layer of grated cheese, then a layer of chopped haddock. Sprinkle with pepper and lemon juice. Continue until mould is almost full. Add enough milk to come about half-way to the top of rice, cover with breadcrumbs, dot with butter, and bake in a moderate oven for about 25 minutes.

Saturday.—Dinner:
Steamed Batter Pudding
With Butterscotch
Sauce

Beat 3 egg-yolks and 3 des-

artspoons sugar until very thick, add 1 teaspoon melted butter, a good pinch salt, and 1 teaspoon vanilla essence. Sift 1oz plain flour and add it into egg mixture alternately with 1/4 cup milk. Beat the egg-whites until stiff and fold into mixture. Place in a well-buttered mould or basin and steam until firm for about 1 hour. Turn out very carefully and serve with the following: Place in a saucepan 1/4 cup milk, 4oz unsweetened chocolate, 8oz sugar or a little less, according to taste, 1 teaspoon butter. Stir over gas until mixture thickens, taking care it does not burn; add 1

Sunday.—Supper:
Danish Pudding

Mix together 2 heaped cups of brown or rye breadcrumbs and add 1 dessertspoon sugar. Place them in the oven (slow) until they are very dry, but not browned. Allow them to become cool, then mix them with 1 cup apricot or plum jam (the more tart the jam is the better the sweet will be), 1/2 cup chopped almonds or walnuts. Press into a round basin, chill well, and when ready to serve turn out and serve with whipped cream.

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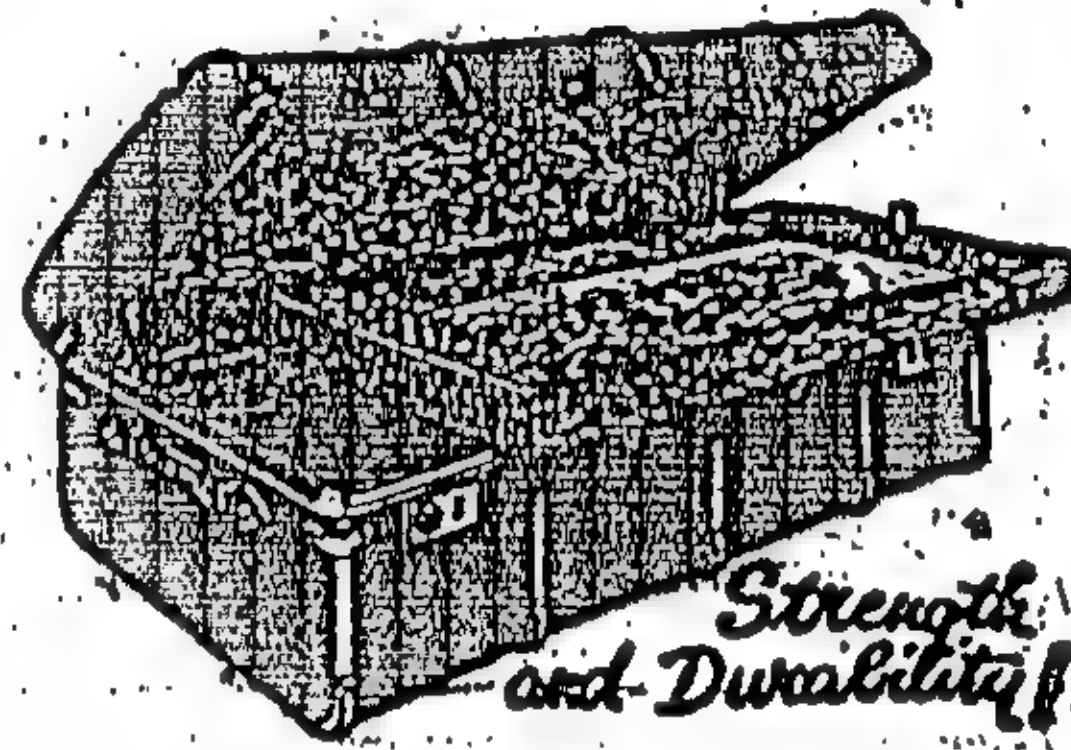
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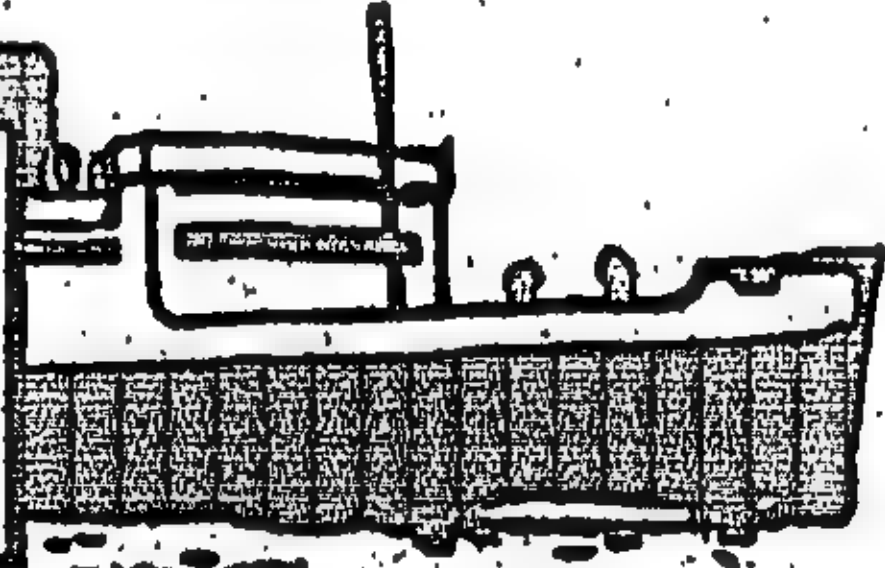
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Brahms.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Sam Browne (Vocal) and Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Ronald Gourley (Piano) and "The Organ, The Dance Band and Me".

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

8.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.02 p.m.—An hour of Popular Classics.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 p.m.—Grace Moore (Soprano) and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Caroline Braga.

1. Si Oiseau J'Etals, A Tol Je-Volerais (Henselt).

2. Romance (Sibellus).

3. Arabesque No. 1 (Debussy).

4. Prelude in B Minor, Op. 23, No. 6 (Chopin).

5. Nocturne in D Flat Major, Op. 27, No. 2 (Chopin).

6. Valse in E Minor (Posthumous—Chopin).

8.25 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.

Overture "Hamlet", Op. 32 (Tchaikovsky).

9.00 p.m.—London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Antal Dorati.

Adagio (from Symphony No. 5—Mahler).

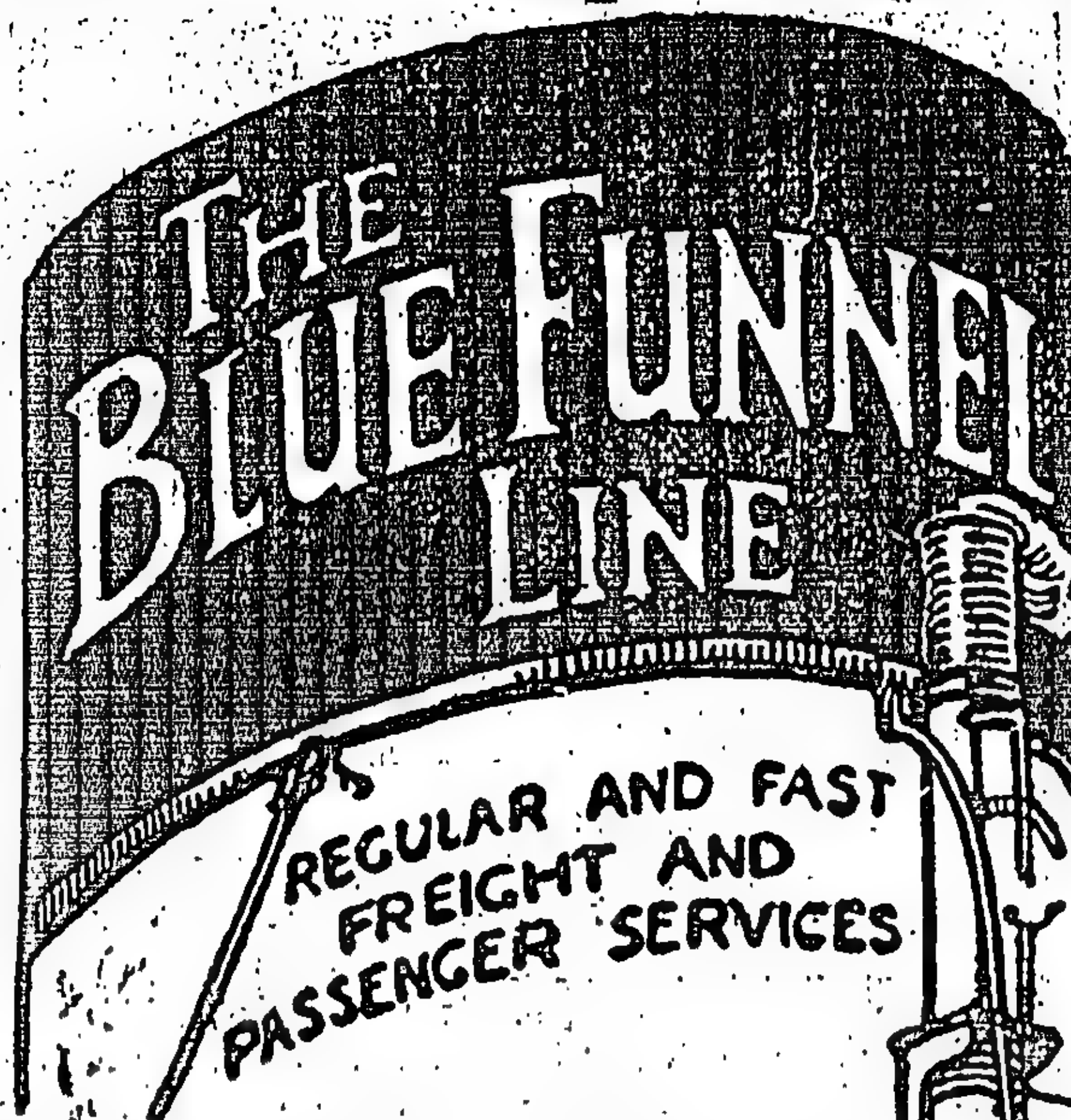
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11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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GIRLS FOUND IN A HOTEL

Four Chinese girls, who were reported to have left their homes on Tuesday afternoon with their personal belongings, have been located in a hotel in Des Voeux Road Central.

They are now in the custody of Inspector Moreton, of the S.C.A., who is making further inquiries.

A 10-year-old girl, Tsang Wan, is reported "missing or kidnapped" since 3 p.m. on Tuesday from a hut in To Li Yuen Village, Shamshuipo.

An 11-year-old schoolboy, Lo Fuk-kin, has been missing since 11 a.m. the same day from No. 241, Laichikok Road.

CAR TOOL THIEVES RUN TO EARTH

A jack and six spanners, belonging to Mr. J. M. Alves, of No. 302, Prince Edward Road, stolen from his car about a month ago, were recovered by the police following the arrest of two men by Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston, yesterday in Battery Street.

Chau Chuen, 21, and Chan Kwai, 29, charged with the theft were sentenced respectively to three months' and two months' hard labour.

Admitting returning from banishment, both were given a further six months' hard labour.

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ITALIAN ATTACKS ON MOSLEM STATES

ITALY'S ATTACKS ON MUSLIM COUNTRIES WERE CONDEMNED AT A HUGE MEETING YESTERDAY OF TRIBESMEN AT BANNU, NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE OF INDIA.

The meeting decided to send a representative to the Fakir of Ipi, who became notorious through his anti-British activities on the North-West Frontier, asking him desist from further agitation "at a time when the British Government is defending Egypt and other Islamic countries from the enemy." — Reuter.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN KILLED

That the police were unable to trace the name or family of the dead man, was disclosed this morning before Mr. E. Himsforth when Wong Tak, 46, hawker, was accused of the manslaughter of an unknown man on Monday in Kowloon.

At the request of Det.-Sgt. C. Dowan, accused was remanded for a week. Bail of \$100 was granted.

GIFTS FOR PLANES

MORE GIFTS FOR PLANES CONTINUE TO REACH BRITAIN.

The Madras Governor's War Fund has sent £15,000 to buy three "Spitfires" while the North-West Frontier Provinces Fund has now passed the £10,500 mark.

The name "Gibraltar" is to be given to a "Spitfire" subscribed for by British residents of The Rock. — Reuter.

CLUB DE RECREIO THEFTS

Clothing to the value of \$73 was stolen from the Club de Recreio, King's Park, yesterday, the property of F. J. and J. J. Remedios, and L. E. Pinna.

It also gives the answer to the open letter to the Prime Minister, published in the "New York Times," and signed by James Wood Johnson, ex-president of the American Volunteer Ambulance Corps in France, pointing out the danger of epidemics and disease in France this Winter and saying it is possible to mitigate this danger without in any way relaxing the total blockade of enemy-controlled territory.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare's communication states that the British Government are prepared, in accordance with the recognised principles of international law, to facilitate the importation of medical supplies destined essentially and exclusively for the assistance of the sick and wounded, excluding substances which are capable of medical use but are not exclusively medical in character, such as foodstuffs and food extracts, clothing, blankets, fuel and household requirements. — Reuter.

British Standpoint

"These latter articles are among those which the enemy by fair distribution and proper utilisation of the resources at his disposal could himself supply to the enslaved peoples, if not in ample quantities, at least freely enough for the avoidance of serious hardship."

"His Majesty's Government are not disposed to make good deficiencies caused by faulty distribution, which, in turn, is caused by the enemy's warlike preparations, nor shortages caused by the diversion to warlike purposes of material properly intended for civilian needs."

No navicerts have been refused for medicinal supplies as defined in the letter quoted. In fact, two applications have been granted in the last few days for consignments of insulin to Switzerland, one of them destined for the use of a fund for French diabetic children. — British Wireless.

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SHANGHAI FUND FOR THE TROOPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Shanghai Chinese have contributed so far \$1,000,000 for the purchase of winter garments for Chinese soldiers at the front, according to well-informed Chinese. Under the original plan, Shanghai's contribution was expected to total only \$500,000.—Hayas.

OIL MONOPOLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Rumours are current in Shanghai that foreign oil companies in China will shortly be advised that they can trade only through the Nanking monopoly.—Hayas.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING SLUMP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A record low for the year was registered by Shanghai's shipping during September.

The biggest loss was suffered by Japanese shipping, so that in foreign and coastal shipping combined, British shipping slightly surpassed Japanese with 384,000 and 379,000 tons respectively.

Vessels entering and clearing for foreign ports during September totalled only 717,000 tons, showing a 32 per cent. decline as compared with August.

Japanese shipping from Shanghai to ports abroad dropped heavily. British shipping dropped too, but not so heavily.

Coastal shipping was 44,000 tons less than in August. Japanese vessels were the heaviest losers, dropping by 38,000 tons to 113,000, while British coastal shipping lost only 5,000 tons.

No important changes whatever occurred in inland river shipping to and from Shanghai.—Hayas.

AMERICANS CAUTIONED

Claiming to be former members of the crew of an American boat, and stating they had been destitute in Manila for about a year since "jumping" the vessel, two American subjects, Peter Mack, 23, electric welder, and Martin Stout, 23, bricklayer, were cautioned for stowing away into the Colony on board a Japanese boat from Manila.

An expulsion order was made against them by Mr. E. Himsforth and they were sent to the House of Detention.

Inspector Johnson, prosecuting, said they stowed away on a Japanese ship, which left Manila at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday. They were found in the first-class quarters three hours later.

Accused were concluded the Inspector, trying to return to the United States.

C. IN C. NORWAY ARRESTED

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE NORWEGIAN ARMY HAS BEEN FLOWN TO BERLIN BY THE NAZIS, IT IS REPORTED.

It is said that he was taken to Berlin after he refused to sign a declaration of loyalty to the Germans. — Reuter.

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CRICKET NOTES

GLUT OF CENTURIES MARK OPENING OF CRICKET SEASON

Heavy Summer Rains Have Left Perfect Wickets

T. G. C. KNIGHT A FIND FOR HONG KONG C.C.

By "Adrem"

I SUPPOSE THE HEAVY RAINS THAT FEEL DURING JULY AND AUGUST HAD AN INDIRECT EFFECT ON THE GLUT OF HEAVY SCORING THAT HAS MARKED THE OPENING OF THE CURRENT CRICKET SEASON.

As a general rule a complete season rarely brings more than half a dozen centuries all told and here we are now, with only two fairly complete blocks of matches played, well on to that number already.

Over the week-end, 100's were scored by G. N. Gosano and A. J. Hulse—on Saturday—Capt. D. C. E. Grose, on Sunday, while Norman Broadbridge, playing for No. 3 (M.G.) Company, of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps against University, only failed to reach the coveted three figures by a margin of six runs.

To my mind, there is little doubt that the prolonged rest that most of the grounds had, because of the Summer rainfall, is the cause. Wickets are very nice and grassy and true although a trifle on the slow side. Until we have our usual prolonged Winter drought period I think we shall continue to have high scoring.

A most remarkable match on Saturday was that between Civil Service and Recreation or should I say the Gosanos! Members of the latter family were very much in the picture, L. G. taking 7 for 6 and G. N. making 101 not out. Apart from these two performances there is little that calls for comment unless it be Fortescue's great effort to stop the Civil Service rot, and Baker's fine spell of bowling for Civil Service in his first match for some time.

Recreio Team Promising

The Civil Servants as a whole were right out of practice, this being their first game, whereas Recreio have been out about three times. Nevertheless, the King's Park side were without their skipper and were otherwise not at full strength and so their convincing win seems to indicate a good season for them, as C.S.C.C. were very strong on paper.

At Chater Road, the Craigen-gower team was very much a beginning-of-the-season outfit but, despite this, and the fact that most of the members of the opposing team had played on one or more occasions, they did quite well and I was told that if they had possessed but one decent bowler, they would have won.

One fact emerged clearly from this match—T. G. C. Knight is a definite find for Club. He bowled very useful stuff to take 4 for 20, shaped very well whilst making 18 runs and took a catch in the slips that was definitely worth writing Home or to Australia about.

Hanson, who was causing the Club attack quite a bit of trouble, nicked one past the wicket-keeper and Knight went out full length on his left side to take the ball about an inch from the ground. That savours of Owen Hughes at his best.

N. D. Booker gave another useful display with the bat, producing some nice shots and hitting hard in his 51. Club might do well to give Booker some experience in the first team. Apart from the two Club cricketers mentioned above, Dewar was the only other to impress at all, his in-swingers netting him three wickets at a cost of 28 runs.

Two Left-Handers Open

For Craigen-gower, George Souza, who has not handled a bat in the nets or in a match since last season, played some good shots in his 57, while Hanson played a typical innings of 20. In the bowling line the Happy Valley club were not too well

served. Souza did not wish to start off too violently and so did not open and A. H. Esmail and A. K. Ismail went on first. Both were left-handers—rather unusual two left-handers opening the bowling. Esmail bowled some useful stuff and will probably be given further opportunities of proving himself but Ismail developed a strain in his side after bowling three overs and that finished him for the afternoon.

I'm afraid Craigen-gower will badly miss F. R. Zimmermann this year and until Billimoria returns from Japan, they will probably have a good deal of leather-hunting in store for them.

A good opening partnership between John Fenton and D. Chelliah and the fine all-round form of A. J. Hulse, marked the match at Pokfulam between University and Diocesan Boys' School. It may be recalled that when at school some five or six years ago, Hulse was one of the outstanding schoolboy cricketers in the Colony but on being transferred to Canton after leaving, he faded out of the picture. For the last two seasons he has played for Craigen-gower with only mediocre success but back again where he learned his cricket, he has evidently settled down to all his old form and Saturday's century and 4 for 52 will probably be the forerunner of many useful performances on the cricket field.

The University catching was bad and Hulse was put down several times but his innings, which took him only 79 minutes, was described as a hurricane affair and a very nice one to watch.

I'm afraid the match at the Valley between Police and a K.C.C. side did not produce the feats the published figures would suggest. For instance Danbrowsky—I am not picking on him, his name was specially mentioned—bowed Mills with a ball which bounced three times! He improved in taking Luke's wicket—the ball yorched his victim on the second bounce!

Scorer's Lapse

Rapley scored 36 and Anderson 24 not out for K.C.C., while I am told that Zimmermann, who was credited with 17 in the score-book would have had 25 had scorer Giffen not been "asleep" when Zimmermann scored two of his best fours and Giffen failed to record them! Butch took 4 for 12 and Luke 2 for 1 but I believe Mills, with 0 for 27 in 3 overs bowled as well as anybody in the side. Carey made 21, the only double-figure score, before being run out, while Danbrowsky suffered a similar fate when he responded to a very bad call.

Indian Recreation Club, with a much-depleted side owing to the month of Ramadan or fast, had a sorry afternoon of it against Army and had one of their worst trouncings for some years.

The importance of A. R. Minu-



CARTER UPSETS CLUB "A"

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

A FINE, AGGRESSIVE DISPLAY BY CARTER AT FLY HALF ENABLED NAVY "A" TO BEAT CLUB "A" BY A GOAL AND TWO TRIES (11 PTS.) TO A TRY (3 PTS.) AFTER LEADING 6-0 AT THE INTERVAL IN THEIR RUGBY MATCH AT THE VALLEY YESTERDAY.

Club made three changes in their side, van Leeuwen, Stark and King being absentees and being replaced by Stout, Thompson and Kennedy. Navy were without Slough, Honeywell, Brewer and Hurley, and Moxham, Faulkner, Wilson and Richards were brought in to complete the side.

I have never seen Carter play better. His handling was unusually good, despite a slippery ball, he was never caught in possession, he knew the shortest way to the Club line, he tackled brilliantly and he kicked very accurately to touch with either foot. His only fault yesterday was weak passing.

McGill, the Shanghai Interporter, revealed pace on the wing and he is likely to prove a valuable acquisition to the Navy side.

Slow Heeling Pack

A slow-heeling Club pack handicapped their backs to such an extent that they did not have one passing movement throughout the game. Clemo had a rough time at the base of the scrum, but came back for more every time. Morgan had one nice "break" through, but his handling was always unreliable. Kennedy and Heasman were the pick of the pack.

Club started off with 12 men and were 3-0 down in almost the first minute when Carter pounced on a loose ball and went over in the corner, Wilson failing with the kick. After the only real bout of passing in the game, Navy again scored when McGill crossed close in, only for Carter to fall with the kick. In the second half Castleton attempted to land a penalty goal from far out but failed with a heavy ball. Soon after Carter intercepted a pass from Clemo to Morgan, punted over Thompson's head and just managed to get the touch down. Wilson easily converted and Navy led 11-0. Club then rallied well and Stewart, who had up to then not exerted himself unduly, intercepted a high pass and went over between the posts, only to fail to (Continued at foot of next Col.)

to the Indians' attack was never more convincingly illustrated than on Saturday when, sans him, Army ran up 193 for 8 dec. Logan making 68, Alec Pearce 40, Cpl. Shaw 55 not out and Sgt. Denyer 32 not out.

I.R.C. were all out for 36, A. H. Mader getting 14 and the remainder of the side 16 between them, excluding 6 extras. Dobbins, a name that is new to me, took 5 for 7.

Poor Batting Again

K.C.C. 2nd XI again batted poorly but were able to beat Royal Scots by 3 wickets. The soldiers could do little against the bowling of Bertram Lay and Baxter and Francis Lay and Reggie Broadbridge made sufficient runs to see them through.

In a very low-scoring match in which bowlers had much the better of batmen, Army beat I.R.C. juniors by 14 runs. A. el Arculli and O. el Arculli bowled well for the I.R.C. while Batsby and Bailey each took four cheap wickets for the soldiers.

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS FETCH GOOD PRICES

GOODS PRICES WERE BID FOR THE BATCH OF AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS OFFERED FOR SALE AT THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB PADDOCK YESTERDAY, ONE OF THE ELEVEN PONIES FETCHING \$8,100 AND ANOTHER \$8,000.

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VARSITY BADMINTON MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong University Badminton Club was held last Monday when Mr. P. K. Hooi was re-elected Chairman and Mr. S. L. Yong was elected Captain of the team for the coming season.

The following other officers were elected: Hon. Secretary, H. F. Chew; Assistant Hon. Sec. T. Chin; Vice-Captain, C. K. Cheah; Committee, K. S. Cha, C. W. Hooi, P. S. Bun, T. B. Teoh and K. B. Law.

convert his own effort, Clemo almost broke through in the closing minutes, but Club failed to score again. Navy "A"—Moxham, Grace, Wilson, Faulkner and McGill; Carter and Wilson; Ingalls, Richards, Beattie, Longmuir, Jones, Taylor, Thornhill and Clark. Club "A"—Thompson, Wilson, Stewart, Needham and Stout; Morgan and Clemo; Heasman, Stoker, Moodie, Castleton, Gaidner, Rogers, Dalziel and Kennedy.

Teams For Saturday

Following are Club's teams for Saturday:

1st XV v Navy at the Valley at 4.30 p.m.—Thompson, Stewart, Aitkenhead, Day and Bosanquet; Charter and Thomson; McCrea, Dunnett, Heasman, Gaidner, Needham, Kennedy, Hackett and Taylor.

"A" XV v Navy "A" at the Valley at 3.15 p.m.—Hopkins, Van Leeuwen, D. Hynes, Carruthers and Jones; Morgan and Clemo; Stout, Castleton, Lee, Stark, Davies; Thomas, Godfrey and A. N. Other.

Two changes have been made in the first fifteen. Godfrey has been dropped, and Needham has returned to the second row to allow Hackett to go to the middle of the back row. Aitkenhead is in the centre and Charter at fly-half.

The team has been strengthened by these changes, but I would have preferred Carruthers in the centre in place of Day. Dalziel was selected as the eighth forward in the "A" pack, but he is unavailable. I understand Rogers, who made his debut yesterday, will fill the vacancy.

MATTHEWS' FINE INNINGS

Despite to total of 206 for the loss of six wickets, to which C. N. Matthews contributed 124 not out, Arts were only able to draw with Medicals "B" at Pokfulam yesterday afternoon when the first of this year's cricket matches in the Inter-Faculty series was played. Matthews hit 24 boundaries.

The scores:

ARTS

K. Lo, c and b Amplavanah	10
C. N. Matthews, not out	124
A. Ahmed, b Chelliah	12
Tam Kwong-ye, b N. Singh	17
E. Mazuza, b N. Singh	0
O. V. Cheung, b N. Singh	8
B. S. Chowla, b N. Singh	1
A. Ho, not out	14
Extras (B19, NB1)	20

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) 206

B. Ahmed, G. M. Derkach and Ho Wing-to did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Amplavanah	9	0	51	1
Chelliah	11	0	73	1
N. Singh	7	0	62	4

MEDICALS "B"

Chelliah, lbw, K. Y. Tam	20
N. Singh, c Mazuza, b Matthews	35
T. C. Pang, b K. Lo	26
Amplavanah, b K. Y. Tam	28
L. H. Tan, not out	10
L. Gutierrez, c and b K. Y. Tam	0
J. Hooi, not out	14
Extras (B15)	15

Total (for 5 wks.) 154

M. S. Khoo, T. B. Teoh, L. H. Tan, Jr., and G. Schiller did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
K. Y. Tam	0	0	36	3
K. Lo	7	0	54	1
C. N. Matthews	4	0	30	1
O. V. Cheung	3	0	12	0
E. Mazuza	1	0	5	0

I.R.C. Junior Team

The following will represent Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in a friendly cricket match against Civil Service C.C. on Saturday at Soekunpoo, at 2 p.m.—A. H. Ismail (Capt.), A. el Arculli, O. el Arculli, T. Hamet, A. Rahmin, M. A. Wahab, A. Ebrahim, J. M. A. Ramjahn, F. A. Curreen, M. I. Razack and O. Talp. Scorer—S. E. Bux.

INTERNATIONAL XI

The following will represent International Athletic Club against Amateur Sporting Association in Third Division of the Football League on Saturday on the Chatham Road ground at 4.30 p.m.:

S. Bux; V. M. Marques and D. el Aquino; W. Wilkinson, A. A. Ramjahn and J. Tavares; H. Campos, R. Rocha, F. W. Iley, A. Leonard and W. Sprinkle (Capt.). Reserves, A. Roche, I. Castilho, U. B. Souza and A. Elarte.

THE Army Rugby football season kicked off with a bang on Saturday with both teams registering a win. The 1st XV defeated the Club 1st XV by 9 points to 3.

Rugby This year Army have an outstanding pack, and will want a lot of watching, especially Captain Douglas of the Royal Scots, and L/Edr. Richards of the 8th Heavy Regt., R.A., who played a brilliant game. 2/Lt. Millar of the Royal Scots was outstanding in the lineouts. Lieut. Coombes of the Medical Corps, who is also a keen cricketer, is a good three-quarter and very fast with the ball when he gets going. Captain Douglas scored two tries and Richards the other.

The "A" team defeated the Club "A" by trouncing them to the tune of 19 points to nil. They were led by Capt. Hewitt of the Middlesex Regiment, who plays rather well in the pack, and was backed up by Cpl. Bedford of the Signals and L/Edr. Bompas of the H.K.S.R.A. Gibblin was the pick of the three-quarters and scored two tries, the other scorers being Pluton, and Ferguson. Keeble converted twice. This week the Army 1st XV will play the Police at Boundary Street, kick off 4.30 p.m.

On Monday the Middlesex second team defeated a weak Signals team by 15 points to nil. The Middies pack played a sound game with Cpl. Gilham playing an excellent game and scoring two tries. Thomson also scored two and Wilson the other; none were converted.

THE Army cricket teams were seen in action for the first time this season and did rather well to win two matches and draw the other. The 1st XI played the Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo and won by 157 runs. The I.R.C. had a weak team out and only had nine men for most of the game, but just the same I think the Army would have won.

Cricket L/Cpl. Logan made a brilliant 58 runs hitting 10 fours, Cpl. Shaw made 55 not out, hitting one six and six fours, 2/Lt. T. A. Pearce scored a fine 40, and Sgt. Denyer 32 not out.

The second XI were lucky to win by 14 runs against the I.R.C. second team. Major Swyer of the Medical Corps made the highest score with 27 runs, and 2/Lt. Ansarir made 12. The tail end of the Army team did not wag, as the saying goes.

The best game of the week-end

POPPY DAY SOCCER TEAM

At the Management Committee meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night it was decided that the Annual Charity match on Armistice Day between United Services and Rest of Colony be held on Club ground on November 11 at 4 p.m.

The game is to be of 90 minutes' duration.

Prior to this game the Annual football match between Referees and the Press will be played.

The following have been chosen to represent the Rest:

Cheung Wing-choi (Sing Tao); Blackburn (Police) and Lee Ting-sang (Sing Tao); Pope (Police), Williamson (Kowloon) and Hau King-seng (Eastern); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern), Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao) (Capt.), Chan Tak-fai (South China), Lee Wai-long (South China) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—D. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Tsang Chung-wan (South China), Fowler (Club), Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao), Chang Kam-hoi (Eastern), Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) and Howlett (Police).

Manager:—Mr. R. M. Omar.

Fraser of Royal Scots was suspended indefinitely by the Emergency Committee for violent conduct off the field of play against a referee after the Second Division game between Royal Scots and Kit Chee, and Chan Kwong-ye of Police was sentenced till November 20 for foul play during the First Division game between Police and St. Joseph's last Sunday.

WIN FOR JOSS

The R.H.K.Y.C. Sweepstake race held yesterday resulted as follows:

MIXED CLASS		
	Finished	Corr. Pos.
Joss	10.38.38	— 1
(Major G. E. Neve)		
La Linda	10.40.10	— 2
(Mr. H. H. Browne)		
Jean	10.40.25	— 3
(Capt. R. Lawder)		
Artemis	10.43.34	— 4
(Mr. C. C. Blisko)		
Gull	10.44.45	— 5
(Capt. A. O. G. Mills)		
Alisa	10.52.11	10.51.20
(Capt. W. A. Ingram)		

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "Squaddy"

was between the Army 1st eleven and the Kowloon Cricket Club played on the K.C.C. ground on Sunday. The Army batted first and scored 236 for 6 declared. Major Grose, who has just, taken over the duties of Area Cricket Officer, made a brilliant 105, and was well backed by L/Cpl. Logan, who made 44, and Sgt. Webb, 42. The Club replied with 230 for seven, and were unlucky to have had to withdraw owing to the light. I think that they would have won since only 7 runs were needed to win.

The Royal Scots were beaten, by the Kowloon second XI in a friendly, by 3 wickets last Saturday. Major Godley was the highest scorer with 19 runs, Pte. Bate-man 13, Cpl. Alsey 11, and Pte. Peacock 16. The Scots were all out for 87 and the Club made 114. Emmerson of the Royals took four wickets for 13 runs, and he started off well with three wickets for only two runs in his first two overs.

The R.A.P.C. defeated the Signals by 35 runs last Saturday. Neither side played brilliant cricket, and the Pay Corps were very lucky to win. The Signals should have had them all out for less than 20, but owing to the bad fielding by the Sigs and many catches being dropped, the Signals deserved to lose. Cpl. Ingelby took 4 wickets for 13 runs, and Taylor 6 for 12. Dixon took 8 for 27, and Cpl. Blount 2 for 20 for the Signals. To-day the Signals will play the Service Corps at Sookunpoo, game commencing at 2 p.m.

THE Departmental Corps League Shield games are now under way, and last week brought us the following results:—R.A.S.C. lost to the H.K. Signal

Hockey al Coy by 3 goals to nil, Holland scoring twice and Price once. The R.A.O.C. lost to the Royal Air Force to the tune of 7 goals to 2, and the

R.A.M.C. beat their old rivals, the Combined Military Hospital, by 2 goals to 1. On Monday the H.K. Signal Coy defeated the R.A.M.C. by 1 goal to nil in their second game, Cpl. Blount scoring the goal.

At Shamshui, on Sunday, the Middlesex Regiment's Band played the 5th/7th Rajputs Band and defeated them by 6 goals to 1. It was a good clean game, and very fast. L/Cpl. Geary, the Middies' Captain played an excellent game in the defence.

THE Softball season opened last week-end, and the Sappers were given a surprise by Royal Air Force, who beat them 12-11.

The Sappers were rather shaken by their defeat, and I think that the Airmen will go a long way in the League this year. The Royal Scots, who are making their debut at Softball this season, were beaten after a good game by the Cosmopolitans,

19-18. The 8th Heavy Regt. were defeated heavily by the Liga Portuguesa Club, 16-0.

BOTH the service teams in Senior Division will have to play much better football in the future if they hope to finish in the top half of the

Association Football League. The Middies are not doing so well with only three points out of eight, and the Royal Scots have secured four points out of eight. The Sappers in Second Division are still holding their 100 per cent. record and have a good goal average with 31 goals for and 4 against. The Service Corps are a close second having dropped one point. The Royal Air Force have also got a 100 per cent. record and they beat the Sappers second team last Saturday 3-1.

THE Garrison Billiards will soon be getting under way and so far the following teams have entered for the Competition. 7th A.A. Bty.

R. A., R. A. M. C., R.A.S.C., R.A.P.C., Corps of Military Police, and the 20th Heavy Bty., R.A. The Royal Scots have not yet entered but I know that they are getting a team together for this competition.

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BLACKMAILING LEVER

Strength Of French Air Force In Africa

FRENCH SCOFF AT IDEA

Well-informed French circles in Washington scoff at the idea that France can be persuaded to fight her old Ally, Britain.

These sources state that even if Laval were willing, it is most doubtful if Marshal Petain could be persuaded, and there is little likelihood either that he could persuade the French people to take up arms against England.

In other well-informed Washington quarters, it is declared that the suggestion was made to the French authorities many weeks ago as the price for the return of the Government to Paris, but was rejected.

General belief in Washington diplomatic circles is that France will not enter the war on the Axis side.

Many believe that if the Ger-

German Aim

mans pushed Laval too far in this direction the Vichy administration would collapse and it would be very difficult for the Germans to put up any French substitute. Some reliable circles suggest that one of the chief purposes and aims of the German attempts to secure some form of French co-operation is to secure the demobilisation of the considerable French armies still fully mobilised and on a war footing in North Africa.—Reuter.

Attempt To Force Petain To Toe Line

THE PRESENT EFFECTIVE strength of the French air force in North Africa is believed to amount to no more than 500 modern planes.

Other aircraft of this air fleet which, according to one estimate, was originally 1,200 strong are thought to be now obsolete.

Most of the planes are based in Morocco. Reserves and spares are lacking.

Yesterday's Berne report that France's North African Air Force figured in the demands reported to have been made recently on the Vichy Government is interesting in light of these estimates.

They may give a clue to the methods by which the Axis powers had hoped to get Marshal Petain finally to toe the line.

It is possible that the fate of the French Air Force in North Africa was raised as an additional blackmailing lever to obtain the "co-operation" of France's Mediterranean fleet which Germany and Italy must covet far more than a few hundred planes.

Vichy's Choice

The Vichy Government may have been faced with the choice of using this air force and navy against Britain or turning both over to the Axis.

The statement made in August that the Petain Government were or had been handing over to the Axis the 800 aircraft from North Africa is not believed.

Probably not more than 150 were in fact flown over to Marseilles.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI WHISPERING CAMPAIGN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A "whispering campaign" is being conducted among the Shanghai British community regarding the evacuation of Britons.

So far, there has been no official proclamation for any British evacuation, although it is learned that for nearly a week "advice" has been circulated orally among British residents to follow the example of the Americans.

The evacuation of British residents, if undertaken, would entail far greater difficulty than that of Americans, since British ships are subjected to greater requirements for other war work tasks.—Havas.

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PLIGHT OF JEWISH REFUGEES

An Athens report says that 2,000 Jews are at present afloat in East Mediterranean waters in a despairing effort to reach Palestine.

They are in four small steamers, some of which were never intended to take to the open sea.

The smallest one is a tiny Yugoslav paddlesteamer from the Danube, without accommodation for a large number of passengers.

Most of the passengers are women and children from Austria.

Nearly all are suffering from poor food and bedding conditions.

As they are without visas, they must be anxious about their chances of being allowed to land in Palestine.

Two of the ships are at Candia and Lavreion, and another has increased the perilous plight of the passengers by running aground in an isolated spot south-east of Crete.—Reuter.

HITLER TALKS ON INTO NIGHT

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available as regards the concrete subjects discussed.

M. Baudouin, the Foreign Minister, has insisted on the necessity to wipe out Franco-German antagonism, whence the much wider conflict originated.

This declaration is also linked with Marshal Petain's recent message.

It is highly indicative of the present general lines of Vichy policy, but it is probably entirely independent from M. Laval's trip.—Havas.

Special Trains

Hitler arrived at the Franco-Spanish front by special train.

A small station in occupied France, the name of which is not given, was decorated with Spanish and German flags.

A special train bringing General Franco arrived shortly afterwards.

Hitler cordially greeted Franco on the platform, and then welcomed Senor Suner.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

CHINA URGED TO BREAK OFF RELATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHINA SHOULD WITHDRAW HER DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES FROM GERMANY AND ALL GERMAN-OCCUPIED COUNTRIES, SAYS THE INFLUENTIAL CHUNGKING NEWSPAPER "TA KUNG PAO," IN A LEADING ARTICLE.

The least that could be done would be to lower China's diplomatic representation at Berlin and Vichy.

On the other hand, the paper advocates an increase in China's diplomatic representation in Australia, New Zealand and the Middle East.—Havas.

STALIN TO RECEIVE JAPANESE ENVOY

Stalin himself will receive the new Japanese Ambassador to Moscow on Saturday, when the latter presents his credentials, says the German radio.—Reuter.

MAIL NOW SAFE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

All Chinese mail caught in Indo-China at the time of the Japanese invasion is now safe in Chinese territory, the Chinese postal authorities announce.—Havas.

AXIS FORESTRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An international forestry congress has opened in Budapest and will last for several days. Delegates from Italy, Germany, Yugoslavia, Spain, Finland, Rumania, Slovakia, Sweden and Mexico are participating.—Havas.

CHOLERA FIGURES

Three cases of cholera — two from Kowloon and one from Victoria — 38 cases of tuberculosis, five of typhoid, nine of dysentery and one of diphtheria, were notified yesterday.

An extensive A.R.P. "black-out" exercise will be held in the Colony during the nights of October 29/30 and 30/31.

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